



PARKS & RECREATION AND HARBOR COMMISSION

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AGENDA

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Action Item: Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2022 Meeting (attachment)
*waive the reading, approve the minutes and place them on file
 - B. Action Item: Approval of Request for Special Use Permit and Sound Waiver at Oakledge Park by Empty Arms Vermont
*waive the reading and approve the request for special use permit and sound waiver
- III. Action Item: (20 min.) Penny for Parks Community Requests, Max Madalinski, Parks Project Coordinator, BPRW (attachment)
- IV. Public Forum: (Time Certain 6:00PM)
- V. Action Item: (15 min.) Field Fee Approvals, Cindi Wight, Director, BPRW (attachment)
- VI. Discussion Item: (15 min.) Commercial Uses of Parks, Cindi Wight, Director, BPRW (attachment)
- VII. STANDING ITEMS:
 - A. Report from Commission on Volunteer Hours
 - B. Report on PACC Dog Force
 - C. Report on Parks Foundation
- VIII. Director's Items
- IX. Commissioner's Items
- X. Adjournment

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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
December 13, 2022
Parks and Recreation Commission**

Commission Present: Duke, Hurley, Keech, Johnson and Wiseberg

Staff Present: Cahill, Moreau, Kaeding, Preston, Ramono and Putzier

Public Present: Zoe Richards (Conservation Board Chair) and ECHO

The meeting was convened at 5:34 p.m. by Duke

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Keech and remove item IV. PFP Community Requests to January meeting, second by Wiseberg, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Johnson, second by Wiseberg, motion carried.

Commission discussed briefly the proposed event blanket permit and would like to have the department update a few times a year on the upcoming events.

ECHO Update on Creemee Stand

Kelcey, sales and David and Charlie Smith, spoke of the mobile food truck trailer, had successful season, saw ECHO guests, wedding clients wanted to add on, a lot of school and camp groups. When first opened focused on customer behaviors, swapped order and pickup windows, added extra line stanchions to help with customer flow, reported on revenues, very good, increasing refrigerated storage to help with delivery capacity and better understanding of the flow of the season.

Wiseberg asked what other items might be added and was told some gluten free and non-dairy and vegan choices as well as adding some beverages. Wight explained that there was not a timeline for when the license would end and thanked the group for coming in to report out on the season.

Keech asked if the creemee stand was a significant addition of revenue to the souvenir shop and was told yes, has been a significant addition.

Public Forum (Time Certain 6:00 PM)

Nobody came forward to speak at the public forum.

Legacy Fund Adaptation

Dan Cahill and Zoe Richards introduced themselves. Cahill said this was a follow-up to the last month's meeting, increased funding in conservation fund, presenting and seeking as an item to approve and move forward to adapt. Prior funding was \$190,122 and as of FY23 funding will be \$561,000.

Richards stated went back to what the program was for and was written in 2004, did update in 2014 but the founding document is still extremely relevant and wanted to highlight what it is that is needed to do



to continue in perpetuity that would look out for purchase and long-term spaces. From this created Legacy Fund, questions went before the voters, two separate votes; one was to decide if wanted to have this and that was specifically a yes or no and then a vote on the specifics of how to do and what it could be used to fund. The fund specifically covers Land Stewardship, Acquisition Planning and Conservation Education.

Cahill spoke to the purchase and protection piece of the program. Spoke of how to build in to the acquisition of the land to cover all aspects. On protection side, 30% of the funding goes to the Land Steward position and covers overall management of the lands, which include forest regeneration, habitat protection and monitoring. Feels enhancing and climate solutions. About \$3.2 in funding and of that \$2.2 to acquisitions and \$969.8 to stewardship.

Richards, stated last year passed nature based climate solutions addendum to open space plan and will be re-written in 2025. Explained this is a way of valuing clean water, heat, clean air and must value wetlands and all, and stated that all are real climate issues and eco systems are very important.

Cahill spoke to an implementation plan that is divided into goals, strategies and actions. The document gives criteria of how to disperse and administered, speaks of joint meeting of BPRW Commission and Conservation Board and priorities for the climate adaptation fund set and approved by both bodies in May, June – September have outreach and education about the fund and upcoming priorities, October – December applications open, December – January internal project review an refinement, January open space subcommittee meeting – project applications reviewed and recommendation made to BPRW Commission and Conservation Board, February BPRW Commission and Conservation Board approve and recommend project slate to City Council and Mayor, March City Council approval and April funds disbursed to approved projects.

Richards stated that Nature based encourages keeping trees and not cutting to help and 1/3 should be nature based and should be 20% of portfolio and stated ahead of the White House and its report that was just put out.

Cahill stated that both commissions/boards were given scenario as recommendation of 30% stewardship which is the current, in past was \$57,000 versus what would be available in the current fiscal year which is 30% stewardship at \$168,300, and 30% acquisition and planning at \$168,300 and 40% NBS Projects at \$224,400....Cahill stated that the Conservation Board felt strongly about going with the scenario of doing 30 % Stewardship, 40% Acquisition and Planning and 30% NBS (nature based strategies) Projects.

Keech said he understands and said he felt does not feel developing is part of and felt acquisition is the key and no matter what work is going to equate over time and limited land will be available. Feels far more needs to go into acquisitions. Asked what the projection for growth is for stewardship, and asked what it would be used for.

Richards said agrees with but important to remember in we are in an urban context, and by doing nothing to help with trails is harmful and won't help make sure have in perpetuity and watches land that is already possessed is not kept conserved.



Duke said the NY Times has an interactive map to look at per capita impact on climate change and an argument can be made, Charlotte high per capita carbon impact, if you look regionally should take 200,000 people from Charlotte and put them in Cambrian Rise and help Charlotte carbon impact. In the end need to focus on protecting what have, not buying the most land possible is the most important way to go. Felt for education, management can have a bigger impact and feels a good direction for the program to go in. Felt stewardship is likely the bigger need at this point.

Richards said it is more important where the ecological land is located and gave an example of the project at Champlain School and growing trees, growing nursery, clippings from about 500 trees and native nursery stock.

Cahill stated that the stewardship is very dependent of the acquisitions.

Keech asked how the 30 and 40% debate was explained and if it was specific projects or acquisitions and costs. Cahill asked how got to \$500,000 balance and stated it varied differently over the years and felt City was in a place where have a backlog of items to get done, the first 40% projections was a review that was put forward and felt it should be equal or less and wanted to be more incremental. Wanted to see how it was going and look at the matrix and measurable outcomes to disperse.

Hurley said felt a lot of work had been done and trusts the process and the staff and percentages can be hashed out and supports.

Johnson agreed with Hurley and appreciated questions as well as the decades of work that have gone into the process.

Motion to change the Conservation Legacy Fund from the current 30% stewardship, 70% acquisition allocation to 30% stewardship, 40% acquisition and 30% NBS work allocation as a measure to be reevaluated annually, by Wiseberg, second by Johnson, motion carried.

Urban Park Rangers

Wight welcomed Rangers and Waterfront Team and said when all supported bringing Rangers on board that is how got support and felt that would be dealing with dogs off leash, fires on the beach and the like. Program started in May and can't say enough about the right people in the position. Andrew and Neal are the right Rangers and the ones that have really made this program.

Neal Preston introduced himself and stated how much he loves his job, regardless of how different the actual job is from what the initial job was introduced to be. He said it is probably the most hardest and difficult job within the Parks system. Stated spent 6 hours moving encampments. Said had an amazing team of seasonal Rangers over the summer. Romano said he was in parks since High School and a college grad, graduated last year and loves to focus on education.

Preston said essentially felt would be lots of community engagement, such as kids programs and guided tours as well as projects within parks and patrolling parks. Preston gave some examples of the ways in which he and Romano are in the community building relationships and breaking down fears and phobias and helping to build bridges of understanding and communication with all individuals within homes and outside of homes.



Moreau stated that when all other options are used the only other safe place to go is in the Parks and the Rangers have spent a lot of time building relationships and helping with understanding, compassion and to help them find a better situation on a case by case situation. Not an easy solution as to where to tell people they can go.

Moreau also stated they have still not had adequate training and protection, learning as they go and instead of retreating moved forward, learning process and don't have a clear answer as of yet but are being honest as to what is being seen within the City.

Keech asked if they had any sense of how many people are homeless and was told about 60 unhoused, has not witnessed any since July, which was a mother with 3 children. Typically couples and people struggling with drugs and mental health, along with those that can't be housed. Preston said largely when approached they operate with smiles and human dignity. Felt this process will continue moving forward and struggling at the national level why it would be expected that it will decrease.

Moreau spoke about the direction she would like to head, proposal for additional rangers and support, working closely with BPD, municipal tickets and more community outreach and tourist engagement. Anticipate this won't go away and requested 6 additional rangers, increase seasonal staff budget. Feel important and necessary work and takes a high amount of networking and resources. Would like to elevate the position that Preston is currently in and the level of connectivity that is being done.

Keech asked what happens to the belongings that are packed up and Preston said individual gets a note of belongings and where they are and they can come and get them, they are stored and located at North Beach in a trailer and kept safe until claimed and picked up.

Duke thanked the Rangers and said the way that Preston talks about it and conveying the humanity and stated that all did a great job speaking at the PAAC meeting and helped others to understand what is happening and what the City is going through. Totally supports adding to the program and continuing the conversation and asked how she could help in supporting the proposal of increasing more staff and training as well as equipment.

Romano said some winter engagement and events would include Urban Ranger community day at Leddy Arena January 14, Teach cross country skiing basics for recreation at Battery Park, cross country ski tours with the Rangers, pop up snowperson contests on the first snow day of the year CHP, also enrolled in Camels Hump Challenge.

Hurley thanked the Rangers and would love to have more people hear and see about them and appreciates all that they have done.

Motion to write a letter in support of expanding, strengthening and support the work of the Park Rangers and the increase in staffing and training and education by Wiseberg, second by Keech, motion carried.

Request for Waterfront Advisory Group Representative

Wight said that Act 250 stated this committee meets twice a month and has given the group the authority to go over how events have gone for the past year and review requests for events for the coming year, includes individuals from the neighborhood, Bailey the Events Coordinator, a producer,



BPRW staff, Fire, Police and a representative from the Parks Commission, not a big commitment but need a representative. Wiseberg said that he would like to be the representative for the Parks Commission.

Standing Item:

Report from Commission on Volunteer Hours

Keech had an additional hour, Wiseberg had an additional hour, Duke had an additional 3 hours

Report on PACC Dog Force

Duke stated she missed the last meeting, Wight said that Jake stepped down and Bria is on and a bit more traction. An idea came out of meeting for outreach and funding, if task force pushed getting dogs licensed 50% will go to task force if an increase is seen.

Report on Parks Foundation

Wight said looking at Frame in discussion on it, BPRW is going to them around a campaign around playgrounds and have small group and how they directly support Burlingtonians and will go back with formal request to take on fundraising around them to make accessible.

Director's Items

Wight said removing Leddy Municipal Arena out of ordinance as it was out of date and were successful in getting approved, also updated cemetery perpetual care language and got approval, took over ONE Event center and oversee for Champlain Housing Trust and started partnership with BCA to get more events covered for space, the Banner program is BPRW responsibility and working on how to move forward with the program and will be using similar permitting process with OpenGov with a higher fee so that don't lose money. Greenbelt is fully funded and Traverse discovered that was not fully funded and the CAO thought the same would go for Greenbelt/Street Tax and is not fully funded and readjusting what can do within that budget. Outdoor grant beginning to look at what can do, Catamount giving ski's and boots and will help with programming and City efficiency is trying to keep at level funding and sharing winter trailer. Cain overlook will be getting repairs and have granite pavers, new benches and repair the canon, lastly greenway mural is very nice and if you step back and look at you see other items within the mural.

Commissioner's Items

No Commissioners items.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Duke at 8:02 pm.



MEMO

Date: January 12th, 2023
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE: Empty Arms Vermont Special Use Permit for August 19th 2023

Request for a Special Use Permit at Oakledge Park to hold a fundraising event and for a waiver to allow amplified sound.

Empty Arms Vermont is requesting to host their family friendly 5K run & walk Oakledge Park on Saturday, August 19th. Empty Arms Vermont provides peer support for parents whose babies have died through miscarriage, stillbirth, termination of a pregnancy for medical reasons, or infant loss. Through support groups, and partnerships with medical providers and therapists, we provide grieving parents with valuable resources and validation as they navigate the murky days, weeks, and lifetime without their baby. This event will serve as both a fundraiser to advance the mission of our organization, as well as a community event to gather families and friends to walk/run in honor of the babies we wish we had a lifetime with.

This event is expected to have between 100-200 participants and 15 volunteers. They are also requesting use of the Bike Path. They have the necessary Certificate of Insurance.

The amplified sound will take place between 9am – 12pm. They have reserved both the Upper and the Lower shelters.

Contact for the event is Chelsea Levis.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

Allow for Special Use Permit including a waiver for amplified sound.

Penny for Park Community Requests – FY2023

Project Ranking Summary

Total budgeted: \$25,000

Total approved: \$24,400

Remaining: \$600

Recommendation for remaining funds: Use as additional contingency on community requests and emergent needs.

Following are short descriptions of each project request with staff notes and recommendations for FY23's qualifying Penny for Parks (PFP) project requests in their ranked order. Full PFP Request applications are attached as an appendix to this report.

1) Schifilliti Park Accessibility Improvements and Planning

Application Summary: This request came from a meeting between Parks Staff and the North Burlington Little League at the Park to discuss their request to reskin Schifilliti and Rosenberg fields and additional improvements. Representatives from the Little League specifically identified challenges that community members with a disability are not able to easily access restrooms or a viewing area to any of the fields. This is particularly problematic for wheelchair users and elderly spectators coming to watch their family members play.

Estimated Project cost: \$16,000 (staff estimate)

Staff Notes: The current accessible parking spaces are made out of turf/gravel and connect to a gravel pathway made of approximately 1" diameter stone (not ADA-compliant) that loops through the park past the concessions building and restrooms. There are no formal connecting pathways to any of the fields and the restrooms have a step up that prevents easy access for people using a wheelchair.

Additional design and scoping is needed for this project. There are many possible design solutions and more accurate measurement and design will be needed to ensure accessibility needs are being provided for in the most cost-effective manner. The estimate above is being recommended by staff to supplement an internal design process if any survey or additional consulting fees become necessary and, if possible, to begin implementing accessibility improvements in the park.

Recommendation: Allocate \$16K of funding and begin taking measurements and creating project cost estimates and design this winter/spring with the aim to implement some improvements in the coming construction season.

2) Waterfront Park Accessible Information Sign

Application Summary: This request, submitted by John Thomas of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI), requests funds to design, manufacture and install a tactile wayfinding and



information sign at Waterfront Park. The sign will include Braille, tactile printing & large print (English), and a QR code that will allow one to access online information about the park, in a range of languages spoken in Burlington. If successful, this sign could serve as the first of a broader campaign for accessible wayfinding signage in other City Parks and public spaces.

Estimated Project cost: \$6,900

Staff Notes: Staff fully support this project and believe that it is in alignment with broader efforts to make our parks more universally accessible.

Recommendation: Allocate project estimate of \$6,900 and an additional contingency of \$1,000 to account for any potential design changes or additional installation costs that have not been captured in the proposed budget and to account for any inflation.

3) New infields at Schifilliti and Rosenberg Fields

Application Summary: A member of the North Burlington Little League submitted a request to re-skin both Schifilliti and Rosenberg baseball infields at Schifilliti Park. Both infields have poor drainage and water typically pools along the baseline following a rain.

Estimated Project cost: \$50-60,000 at minimum (each)

Staff Notes: These infields are in need of reconstruction to address the drainage issues, but the estimated minimum cost is much higher than the funds currently available for Community Requests. This project will require some surveying and assessment of the grades to determine how much of each infield would need to be replaced and regraded and whether additional underdrain pipes should be considered. Many other baseball infield renovations in other parts of the City have been funded in part using grant or donation dollars, and a preliminary design with a more accurate cost estimate could serve as the basis for a grant application or fundraising campaign.

Recommendation: Add reskinning of the infields to Parks long-term capital list. In addition to the accessibility improvements in proposal 1, staff can simultaneously begin exploring a preliminary design for reskinning each of the infields.

4) Pomeroy Park Tether Ball

Application Summary: A 9-year-old resident and his father would like to have a tether-ball pole installed in Pomeroy Park.

Estimated Project cost: \$500

Staff Notes: There is ample space within the park for this request and a tetherball pole and gravel "court" would be relatively simple to install. There is an outstanding request to replace the tot-lot (removed last year) at Pomeroy Park and staff are working on a redesign of the playground area as the



rest of the structure is also due for replacement, so the exact placement for the tether ball pole would need to be cited in coordination with that design.

Recommendation: Allocate funding for the new tetherball court and look to install it in conjunction with the playground improvements.

5) Permanent Greening of Dewey Park

Application Summary: Requester would like to see the asphalt portion of Dewey park turned into grassed green space.

Estimated Project cost: \$10,000 (requester's estimate). \$100,000 (staff estimate)

Staff Notes: Funding from outside of PFP has already been allocated for refreshing the mural and landscaping in this portion of Dewey Park in 2023. Any future conversion of this space requires abandonment of the City ROW and formally converting this space into a part of Dewey Park through survey and lot line adjustments. Staff are working on next steps in the legal process to determine the feasibility of ROW abandonment, and cost implications. This part of Spring Street includes hardscape, a catch basin, and underground infrastructure that would need to be considered as part of any proposed changes to the above-ground surface of the area. Once physical limitations are determined, a public outreach and design process will be initiated to determine any future changes to Dewey Park as part of a comprehensive planning process.

Recommendation: Continue to explore ROW abandonment and adoption of roadway as City Park. Do not allocate any community request funds for this project at this time.

6) Miller/Schifilliti Park Ice Rink

Application Summary: Put in an outdoor Ice Rink at the Miller Center/Schifilliti Park.

Estimated Project cost: \$3-5,000

Staff Notes: Outdoor rinks require a substantial amount of maintenance for what can be a very minimal return of skatable days due to the frequent temperature changes we now experience because of climate change. With six(6) outdoor rinks operated and supported by staff, there is not capacity for BPRW to take on maintenance of an additional rink without a dedicated community volunteer group. There is also not frost-free exterior water access at the Miller Center or Schifilliti Park to support the installation and maintenance of an outdoor rink in this location.

Recommendation: Do not allocate funds for this request as there is not the required infrastructure, staff capacity or a clear community group to take on this project at this time.

Max Madalinski

From: parks.notifications
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Jon Adams-Kollitz; Sophie Sauve; Diana M. Wood; Max Madalinski
Subject: New submission from Penny For Parks Submission

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09/19/2022
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Organization/Volunteer Group (if applicable)
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Project Name
Waterfront Park Accessible Information Sign
Park Location
Waterfront Park
Cost Estimate (if known)
\$6900
Project Description
The Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired [VABVI] is applying for funding for the creation and delivery of a tactile sign to be installed at the opening of Waterfront Park to create park accessibility for visitors who are blind or visually impaired. The sign will be made by Touch Graphics Inc. of Maryland, regarded nationally as the premier source of accessible signs. Their work can be viewed here: https://www.touchgraphics.com/ The Waterfront Park map design that we created and attached to this application, is based on the Canandaigua Playground Sign that can be viewed on the Touchgraphics website. Sign details: Size: 24 x 48 inches, rests on an ADA compliant powder-coated steel cantilever frame. The sign will include Braille, tactile printing & large print (English), and a QR code that will allow one to access online information about the park, in a range of languages spoken in Burlington. Sign includes a 4-year warranty against fading or other damage not caused by intentional vandalism. The sign will take 10 weeks to make. We hope for delivery and installation in the early summer of 2023. SCOPE The sign is the first component of a larger project to create accessibility for blind and visually impaired visitors at Waterfront Park, Oakledge Park, the bike path corridor connecting those parks, and other parks and landmarks around the city. This project will serve blind and visually impaired visitors to the Waterfront Park, and other parks that eventually have tactile signs.

Supporters of this project include everyone who has heard about it, but most significantly, the City of Burlington. Prior to meeting with city representatives, I shared the project idea with The Gibney Family Foundation and the Friends of the Parks group in Burlington. TGFF & FotPs each expressed interest/support of the project and mentioned they could be a potential funding source if needed.

Funding request: \$6900

- Cost of making sign: \$5500
- Shipping: \$200
- Purchase dynamic QR code + printing code onto adhesive \$300
- Misc. costs, research and graphic design \$900

*The uploaded file, the image of the map, depicts the overhead view of the map. Each colored section in the park will be a different tactile texture, also explained in the key. The map will also feature information in braille next to English.

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Max Madalinski

From: parks.notifications
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 11:03 AM
To: Jon Adams-Kollitz; Sophie Sauve; Max Madalinski
Subject: New submission from Penny For Parks Submission

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10/31/2022
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Project Name
Permanent Greening of Dewey Park
Park Location
Dewey Park
Cost Estimate (if known)
\$10,000 (rough estimate)
Project Description
In the Fall of 2014, a section of Spring Street next to Dewey Park was closed in response to a neighborhood traffic calming request. The closure had the added benefit of expanding Dewey Park, with the eventual hope that the closure would become permanent and the asphalt converted to greenspace contiguous with the existing park. Eight years have passed and there is overwhelming community support for the expanded park space. This project would entail making the closed area a permanent part of the park. This includes installing curbs around the edges of the new park area and replacing the asphalt with sod, possibly with trees/shrubs. This permanent expansion would serve the neighborhood by providing additional greenspace, the farmers market by providing additional space for vendors, and the environment by providing more infiltration space for rainwater and cooling effects from trees and other vegetation. A map of the original visioning of this closure is attached, as well as the letter submitted with the original neighborhood traffic calming request.
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From: parks.notifications
Sent: Sunday, January 16, 2022 6:39 PM
To: Jon Adams-Kollitz; Sophie Sauve; Diana M. Wood; Max Madalinski
Subject: New submission from Penny For Parks Submission

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Project Name
Miller/schiffilitti park ice rink
Park Location
Miller center / schiffilitti
Project Description
Winter outdoor ice rink

Max Madalinski

From: parks.notifications
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 5:02 PM
To: Jon Adams-Kollitz; Sophie Sauve; Diana M. Wood; Max Madalinski
Subject: New submission from Penny For Parks Submission

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Project Name
Pomeroyingtin Park Tether Ball!!
Park Location
Pomeroy
Cost Estimate (if known)
210
Project Description
Place a tether ball pole in the playground area between the yellow balance beam and the blue merry-go-round. It will serve the kids and adults who use the park. Would consider other places in the park to place it. Jack is nine years old. His dad, Nick, is submitting this proposal with his approval.

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From: parks.notifications
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 4:15 PM
To: Jon Adams-Kollitz; Sophie Sauve; Diana M. Wood; Max Madalinski
Subject: New submission from Penny For Parks Submission

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Organization/Volunteer Group (if applicable)
North Burlington Little League
Project Name
New infields on Schifilliti and Rosenberg Fields
Park Location
Schifilliti Park
Cost Estimate (if known)
Not sure
Project Description
We are looking for infields, baselines and home plate to be done similar to what was done on woods field. There is absolutely no drainage at all on Schifilliti field after a good rain it could take 2 days before we can use it again. Rosenberg is only slightly better. If the fields keep declining as they are now we won't even be able to host all the tournaments that are held there. The fields will not be acceptable.

MEMO

Date: January 5, 2023
To: Parks Commission
From: Cindi Wight, Director
Deryk Roach, Parks and Facilities Superintendent

Subject: Park Fees

Recommendations to Parks Commission:

Approve the 2023 fees for the use of outdoor park locations.

OVERVIEW

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COST Recovery Goals related to Park Fees

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COST Recovery Goals related to Park Fees

Category – Open Space

Our cost recovery goals for open spaces range from 0-5%. It is the Cost Recovery category that requires the most subsidy from the taxpayers based on the reasoning that it supports all community members.

Category – Rentals

Our cost recovery goals for rentals range from 40-80%. The wide discrepancy in the range is to take into account rentals of spaces for youth sports that serve a wide variety of our community, community gardens that help feed families, to the rental of a shelter or ice time that is exclusive to only those invited to the event.

Open Space Fees

Our open space fees include permits for spaces that are not an exclusive use of the Park.

Park Rentals

Our park rentals have a broad range of use. They include non-ticketed events to ticketed events, from youth sports to adult sports and ranges in between.

**Park Programs**

In 2022 we started a new “Park Programs” for commercial programs that use our outdoor parks. The intent was to welcome into our parks, commercial companies providing open registration programs (ex. yoga) but have a system in place for it. We had a slow start to the program and will look to continue to connect with partners and grow it.

2023 Changes requiring Commission approval

Field rentals – Increase from \$40/hour to \$50/hour
(see Excel spreadsheet for a listing of all fees)

Highlighted in grey are the locations requiring Park Commission annual

	Location	Duration	Current
Park/Structure Rentals	North Beach Shelter	Half Day	\$190
	North Beach Shelter	Full Day	\$275
	Oakledge Lower Shelter	Half Day	\$190
	Oakledge Lower Shelter	Full Day	\$275
	Oakledge Upper Shelter	Half Day	\$190
	Oakledge Upper Shelter	Full Day	\$275
	Leddy Tent	Half Day	\$150
	Leddy Tent	Full Day	\$250
	Battery Park	Half Day	\$300
	Battery Park	Full Day	\$500
	City Hall Park	Half Day	\$300
	City Hall Park	Full Day	\$500
	City Hall Park	Hourly	\$80
	City Hall Park event after hours	Hourly	\$54
	Contois Auditorium (hourly only)	Weekday 8-8	\$20
	Contois Auditorium (hourly only)	After 8, WE or holiday	\$54
	Contois Auditorium (hourly only)	BCA Staffed	\$50
	Contois Auditorium (hourly only)	OT rate BCA staffed	\$65
	Waterworks Park	Half Day	\$225
	Waterworks Park	Full Day	\$450
	FRAME (includes Waterworks) (2023)	Full day only	\$700
	Schmanska Barn (Non-Profit)	Hourly	\$60
	Schmanska Barn (Private)	Hourly	\$75
Permits	General Park Permit Tier 1 (20-39 people)	Flat Fee Per Day	\$25
	General Park Permit Tier 2 (40-59 people)	Flat Fee Per Day	\$50
	General Perk Permit Tier 3 (60-79 people)	Flat Fee Per Day	\$75
	General Park Permit Tier 4 (80-100 people)	Flat Fee Per Day	\$100
	Bike Path Use Permit	Flat Fee Per Day	\$200
	Photography/Videography Permit for Advertising/Marketing	Flat Fee Per Day, Per Park	\$100
Athletics	Field	Hourly	\$40
	Court	Hourly	\$25
"Park Programs"	Under 20 People	Annually	\$100
	Over 20 People	Flat Fee Per Class	Ref General P

Walk/Run	Application Fee	Per Event	\$50
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NO CHANGE TO WATERFRONT PARK EVENT RATES

Waterfront Park Event Rates	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3
West Lawn	N/A	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,900.00
All Festival Site	N/A	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,200.00
Great Lawn (not rented out separately and not fenced)	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Perkin Pier	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00

up to \$2 for each ticket sold. "alcohol-centric" \$2 upper limit.

Additional fees

Application	\$ 100.00
Site deposit	\$ 1,000.00
Underground Utilities	\$ 300.00
Secure Free Bicycle Parking (per day)	\$ 200.00

approval

Proposed

Notes

No Change	BCA receives all fees for City Hall Park and Contois as they schedule both places. BPRW receives a portion to cover any OT of BPRW employees. BCA has additional fees outside of the hourly rate for any special services.
	Not exclusive use No amplified sound No catering
	Not exclusive use of space
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\$50	
\$30	
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No Change

Rate 4	Multi-day		
\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	Rate2	Open to public, might hav alcohol
\$ 4,125.00	\$ 1,450.00	Rate 3	Same as above but has alco sound
N/A	\$ 500.00	Rate 4	Private event that encumbe weddings)
\$ 875.00	\$ 700.00	Multi-day	

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