



PARKS & RECREATION AND HARBOR COMMISSION

January 8, 2019

216 LEDDY PARK ROAD, LEDDY PARK ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

5:30PM

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Action Item: Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2018 Meeting
*waive the reading, approve the minutes and place them on file
 - B. Action Item: Approval of Sound Waiver, All Nations for Jesus Christ Church (attachment)
*waive the reading, approve the sound waiver and place it on file
 - C. Action Item: Approval of Sound Waiver, Champlain Valley Down Syndrome Group (attachment)
*waive the reading, approve the sound waiver and place it on file
- III. Discussion Item: (15 min.) Commission Responsibilities on other Boards, Nancy Kaplan, Chair, Parks & Recreation Commission (verbal)
- IV. Public Forum: (Time Certain 6:00PM)
- V. Information Item: (20 min.) Project Updates, Nina Safavi, Parks Comprehensive Planner, BPRW (verbal)
- VI. STANDING ITEMS:
 - A. Update on Parks Foundation, John Bossange (verbal)
- VII. Director's Items
- VIII. Commissioner's Items
- IX. Adjournment

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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
January 8, 2019**

Commission Present: Bossange, Kaplan, Hale, Hurley, Pierce, Farrell, Healy and Montroll

Staff Present: Safavi and Putzier

The meeting was convened at 5:33 p.m. by Commission Chair Kaplan

Approval of Agenda

Kaplan asked for a motion to approve the agenda, motion to approve by Bossange, second by Pierce, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Healy read aloud with the motions included, motion made to approve the consent agenda by Healy, second by Hale, motion carried.

Commission Responsibilities on Other Boards

Kaplan stated that Hurley was previously on the Events Advisory Board that meets twice a year and Farrell will be taking over that position and Hale is on the Oakledge for All, accessibility park playground group, which are the two biggest committees. Still working on any further ones that might come up, specifically working with Zoe Richards from Conservation committee and will continue.

Hale explained the next steps on Oakledge for All is the fundraising piece and invited others to attend a training she will be leading for anyone that is interested.

Hale asked about the Heineburg Senior Center and the possibility of it being operated by BPRW and the committee that is meeting on this and would like a report to the commission at the next meeting.

Hale explained that the center struggled with funding for quite a while and most all funding has gone away. Also happened to the Champlain Senior Center and gave some background on why it would make sense to have one organization run both facilities.

Bossange asked how the O.N.E./CORE Center activities were going and Kaplan suggested having an update at the next meeting on the Sr. Center's in general.

Public Forum (Time Certain 6:00 PM)

Public forum opened at 6:03 p.m. by Commission Chair Kaplan.

Seeing nobody, the public forum closed.

Public forum closed at 6:03 p.m.

Project Updates

Safavi stated the department had a successful tree pickup today, bike path designs are continuing, plan to construct Perkins Pier down to the Oakledge bridge, with construction in the fall. Some challenges



around the new Lakeside property and the barge canal bridge, submitting act 250 permit, requested the full width path, requires shoreline work which requires act 250, on schedule currently. Still on budget for the project.

Leddy will have a new pause place, presenting to the mayor next Thursday. Will include signage and work out equipment. Replacement of fencing around the Starr Farm dog park. Will remain about the same, potentially a bit smaller but not noticeable. Will be incorporating the feedback from public on the dog park. New stairway ready in spring at Northshore that is sustainable material and hopeful it will be a great product.

Waterfront Park is under construction, currently regrading, new lighting and new power, dark sky compliant, still working on due to milder weather. One complication is the Penguin Plunge, it can't happen at the same location but will be moved a bit further north.

Doing fence improvements at Calahan Park.

Going out to bid on City Hall Park January 9th, currently on target. There is a frequently asked questions page to direct public to, when construction kicks off will keep the site updated. Groundbreaking would hopefully be as soon as the ground thaws in the spring, some options within the contract, dependent on the March election as well as other unknowns.

Arms Forest project going out to bid for scoping study, trail consultant to determine the best locations for trailheads and which to improve, redirect or close due to ecological concerns, no date currently will notify.

Oakledge for All moving along, starting the fundraising, need to tweak a bit to make sure don't hit more ledge, have a \$7000 grant request, hoping to hear in March but might be later due to the closure of State offices. Kickoff event rescheduled for May 19th.

Safavi Received \$35,000 grant from Disney foundation and one of the requirements was to do a survey.

Kaplan asked what other projects might be coming up. Safavi explained the former Burlington College property, waiting for permitting process from Farrell to connect the trail through that property to the Stone House and to the bike path. The bike path and Amtrak is another upcoming project will need to work through. Will likely have some court improvements this summer, considering Leddy tennis courts, Calahan basketball courts and Schmanska walkway paving. Safavi said a lot of design happening as well.

Kaplan asked about the Moran plan and Safavi said Moreau has been more involved but the project is in the basic stages. Kaplan said she went to PAAC meeting regarding Moran and people were positive and excited with exception of one person that did not like the dimensions but was the only negative to the proposed project.

The Memorial Auditorium project is being managed by CEDO and Martha Keenan from DPW.



Safavi also said the new park where Burlington Harbor Marina is located is under construction and Deryk Roach has been very involved in and should be finished this spring. BPRW will then maintain the entire area behind the water plant.

Update on Parks Foundation (Standing Item)

Bossange explained the foundation had its annual meeting and handed out the annual report, 4th one, has standard information, where projects are at, list of donors, financial section, budget for next year, photos and information on the Arms Forest ecology.

Kaplan suggested meeting at the North Avenue Alliance church instead of the Cemetery for the May 7th commission meeting, it was suggested to invite Aleisha Daniels to give a tour of the area.

Director's Items

Handout, no discussion.

Commissioner's Items

Montroll recommended someone to the commission as a student and the person that applied ended up at the Library and not BPRW, not sure why. Has some other persons interested.

Healy can't make the February meeting.

Farrell asked if others made it to the Pomerleau party, Safavi said it was wonderful from what she heard. Putzier explained the scholarships for programs that were given by Pomerleau, estimated cost of scholarships was \$7800. Pierce asked if free parking passes were also distributed and told could not do both but have contact information to reach out and do in future potentially.

Hurley stated saw Gary and Cindi at some ONE events and other events that she attended and felt went really well.

Bossange explained previously the commission had voted unanimously to support the City Hall Park work and said would draft a letter in support to the City Council. Went to the Ward 5 NPA and did not speak at the meeting, had many questions that he wrote down, met with Wight and shared the proposed letter, met with Joan Shannon who is also in support of the project plan.

Kaplan stated it could go on the January 28th City Council agenda but when she knows for sure will let commission also know. Bossange recommended sending the letter to the City Council and see if it makes it on the ballot before moving forward with sharing to others.

The commission agreed to the letter and requested to have signed approval from all members. Kaplan stated appreciation to the BPRW staff for all the hard work they have done on the project and how much it has been welcomed and want all to feel good about the work that has been put into the project thus far.

Hurley will not be at the February meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. by Bossange, second by Pierce, motion carried.