

**CITY OF WARREN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2022**



CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Suppa at 4:35 pm.

ROLL CALL

- Members present were Mike Suppa, Kirk Johnson, Kristine Whitaker, Jackie Angove, Mark Zavinski and Judi Wilson. Also attending from City Staff were Michael Holtz, DPW Director, Barb Anderson, Recording Secretary and Nancy Freenock, City Manager. All attendees participated via a Zoom meeting or in person, due to personal preference.

AGENDA APPROVAL

- Due to new Sunshine Act Laws implemented recently, Mr. Suppa requested a commission member make a motion to approve the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Angove made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Zavinski seconded. All present were in favor.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

- Warren City/County Citizens & Business Owners (In Person):
 - Kim Mong (Pickle Ball court)
 - Doug James (Pickle Ball Court)
 - Josh Cotton (Times Observer)
 - Andy Close (Your Local Daily)

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021, meeting and Mrs. Angove seconded.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Motion to nominate Chair – Mrs. Angove nominated Mr. Suppa and Mr. Zavinski seconded. Motion was carried.
- Motion to nominate Vice Chair – Mr. Suppa nominated Mrs. Angove. She declined. Mark Zavinski offered to take the position. Mr. Suppa nominated Mr. Zavinski and Mrs. Whitaker seconded. Motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Recreation Project letters were sent informing all requestors that no funds are available for projects.
- At this point Mr. Suppa addressed visitors Kim Mong and Doug James concerning the Pickle Ball courts. They received the letter informing there would be no funding for the project. They have formed a Pickle Ball club with a board of directors. They will start fund raising to construct a Pickle Ball court. Kim Mong voiced a communication concern about the project being approved and the location of the courts. Mr. Suppa stated he was not aware of a discussion of the courts being constructed anywhere but Betts Park. Mrs. Whitaker made a motion to approve the construction of the Pickle Ball courts in the grass area next to the Bocce Pavilion in Betts Park and Mr. Zavinski seconded. Motion was carried. Kim Mong requested a letter from the Commission stating the approval.

RECREATION PROJECTS

- Mrs. Freenock presented three grants available from Local Share of up to one million dollars with no match required to help with single projects such as drying out Mulberry Park and installing playground equipment, an all weather building at Betts Park and additional activities at Lacy Playground. Grant applications are due by March 15, 2022. Mrs. Angove made a motion to recommend the grants to council and Mrs. Wilson seconded. Motion was carried. Mr. Johnson inquired about the process to dry out Mulberry Park. Mr. Holtz said there will be couple different options to look at when the time comes. Mrs. Whitaker lives in the area of Mulberry Park and said this would be a welcomed project for Mulberry Street residents.

PLAYGROUND & POOL REPORTS

- Playground Program - Mr. Holtz reported the 2021 Playground program was successful. Programs were held at Lacy, DeFrees and Beaty playgrounds. Playground staff exit interviews indicated pay rates need to be increased. Felt level of supervision and crew was good.
- Pool – Mr. Holtz reported 2021 attendance was around 4,200, down from the last pool season in 2019. Mr. Suppa stated the season started off cooler, as well as Covid still having its effect on attendance. Mr. Suppa noted Jamestown, NY area residents are a large part of the pool patrons.

CRESCENT PARK

- Grand Opening Ceremony – Mr. Holtz noted the grand opening of Crescent Park will coincide with the Healing Garden grand opening and the Street Landscape Committee's 100-year anniversary. He noted the lights have been installed and the park is complete. Mr. Zavinski made a motion to schedule the ceremony on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm and Mrs. Wilson seconded. Motion was carried.

JAZZ AMPHITHEATER DEDICATION

- Clarification of the spelling of the name of the amphitheater will be JAZZ in honor of James Zavinski

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mike Suppa asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Zavinski and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker.

NEXT MEETING

- The next regular scheduled meeting will be April 5, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Barb Anderson, Recording Secretary