

Glen Arbor Parks and Recreation

Minutes

May 12, 2020

Present: Kelly Ciolek, Paul Walters, Ron Calsbeek, Rick Schanhals, John McIlvried, Celeste Crouch
Township Clerk: Pam Laureto

The meeting began by digital Zoom at 11:00am. Kelly led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Commission Member

Kelly introduced new member John McIlvried who has been selected by the Park Commission and approved by the Township Board to take the place of retired chair Jim Fowler. Pam reminded him that he needs to stop in to her office to sign some documents and take an oath to complete the position's legal requirements.

Correspondence:

Pam Laureto reported that Lautner Irrigation Company is checking on what appears to be a leak in the sprinkling system at the park. The leak may be coming from anywhere and she asked the park members in their visits to check for evidence of pooling or puddles and to let her know if any are spotted.

The Rest Room at the Park

After some discussion, the members voted unanimously that the Rest Room at the GA Park should be opened for the summer and fall seasons. One key argument for opening is that if closed, people typically go to Northwoods Hardware, Cherrys Republic or Leelanau Vacation Rentals to use their facilities. The public does not seem interested in walking down to the Garden Park to use the public restrooms there, especially with little kids. This behavior places an unfair burden on these establishments. Park Bathroom will be open from 8:00am to 9:00pm. They will be cleaned twice a day. Pam will make and affix a sign on the door which states the hours, the cleaning schedule and reminders about the importance of hand washing.

The lock on the door can be reprogrammed to match the stated hours. Since programming the lock is complex, a tutorial took place on Wednesday May 13 for interested members.

Park Cameras

Unified Video is the company which manages the cameras for the township. Rick indicated that he was having trouble connecting to the live feed. Pam explained that Dakota Chase had taken over for Eric Latalia at Aspen Wireless, the company which installed the cameras. The Commission members have requested a link to the cameras for public viewing on the GA Township web site. The access code is **gaparkcams!**

Clerk Pam Laureto

Pam reported that the Township's new website has been completely updated with lots of great photos and less verbiage. She urged that members visit the site and check out the Recreation pages to see if they have any suggestions.

Official Flag Raising

The American flag was officially installed on the new flag pole at the GA Park on Tuesday, May 12 at 1:00 by Chair Kelly Ciolek. In keeping with the national order, the flag will be raised to the top and then brought down to half staff in honor of the almost 90,000 Americans who have lost their lives to the covid virus. Ron will take the video of this ceremony and then put it up on the web site. Ron also offered to affix the plaque honoring Barb and Jim Fowler for their significant contributions to the GA community. Jim was Park Chair for 11 years and was a visionary when it came to bringing amenities to the park and a millage funded complete renovation in 2018.

GA Park Tournament

Ron made the motion and Paul seconded that the GA Tennis Tournament traditionally held the weekend before the 4th of July be canceled. Kelly then offered an amendment to the motion which Ron seconded which stated that "The June Tennis Tournament would be canceled leaving open the possibility of a the tennis tournament being held later." The amended motion passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 12:35pm.

The next Park meeting will be held on June 9, 2020 at 11:00am.