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October 9, 2019

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the City Clerk, a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at 5:30p.m. at the Recreation Commission Office.

Present were Commission Members: Chairman Kays, Commissioner Calder, Commissioner Vital and Commissioner Doherty.

Also attending Recreation Director Charles Thebado and Recreation Program Manager Zachary Lambert.

Approval of minutes 06-05-19

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Vital and seconded by Commissioner Calder, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To accept the 06-05-19 minutes.

MHS Mazie Mentoring Program..... Mr. Sean Cooney:

Mr. Cooney introduced himself and his program to the Commission. He stated that he wanted the community to be aware of this brand-new program. He also stated the mission of the program is to enable youths at risk to become adults of promise.

The program was founded in honor of John Andrew Mazie in 1997, after he was tragically killed in a car accident. John's parents believed that a mentoring program would be the best way to fulfill his legacy because John was a mentor to many young people in his life.

The program recruits and train adult volunteers to mentor and act as role models for high school students at risk of not achieving their potential in school and beyond. Through the mentorship, young people are provided with the support they need to take control of their lives, set and achieve goals, prepare to apply to college, or other post-secondary training, and achieve success.

As of July 1st, 2017, the Mazie Mentoring Program became part of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest. The Mazie students, through working with their mentor, gain the confidence they need to try new things. We see astonishing rates of success.

The Commission thanked Mr. Cooney for his time and congratulate him for his amazing Mentoring Program.

Recreation Report..... Charles Thebado, Director:

Mr. Thebado gave the following updates:

- July 4th incident – very difficult day for everyone.
Will be meeting with Chief of Police for safety concerns moving forward.
- Four Movies in the Park – very successful.
- Project Summer Adventure Program – sold out.
- Summer Concert Series went very well.
- Pools – no issues or closing.
- Summer Basketball Camps 2 weeks – went very well.

- Splash Pad – continuing shut downs need to be address. (activator down all season)
- Skyhawks Sports Programs – went very well.
- Summer Staff was amazing- they did an excellent job.
- Simela and Zach did an amazing job as always.
- Labor Day Parade – went very well.
- Fall Programs – registrations started, and signups are going well.
- Borough's Loop Trail- Grand Opening
- Horrible Parade
- Scarecrow Contest
- Construction parking lot at Ghiloni
- New York Bus Trip
- Home for the Holidays – Mr. Thebado asked Commissioner Vital if AMSA students can volunteer to hand out popcorn.
- Mr. Thebado presented the Commission an Open Space and Recreation Plan Executive Summary.

The Commission thanked Mr. Thebado for his updates.

Old/New Business:

- MYBA communication to the Commission regarding their plan to construct a retaining wall on the backside of the batting cage area between Langelier and Martinangelo fields. This will help prevent runoff of material towards the wetland area near Lake Williams and will also keep the batting cage area even and level for the players in their program. This is critical step to keep the Williams Street facility as one of the top youth baseball facilities in the area.
- MYBA will handle the cost of the materials and installation of the retaining wall. The goal is to have the entire project completed this fall. As a supplement to this work, MYBA is also committed to purchasing new batting cage nets which will result in a complete upgrading of this area.

This information was communicated to Chris White of the Marlborough Department of Public Works.

On a motion made by Commissioner Vital and seconded by Commissioner Calder, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To accept MYBA proposal pending to Chris White's approval.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Vital and Second by Commissioner Calder.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m.

Attest to:

Simela Perdikomatis
Senior Clerk/Commission Secretary