Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission Draft Minutes

January 4, 2024

In attendance: Jonas Taub, Isaac Lombard, Joan Gorga, Michael Ott, Celeste Lunetta

Meeting called to order at 7:13

Gregg Lake Beach Park:

Old Business:

Celeste and Joan gave an update on the status of the LWCF Funded project and the GOFFERR funded Boat Launch Project.

-Demolition of the existing bathouse structure to begin soon, with the Highway Crew providing the labor and assistance with logistics.

-Boat Launch project requires \$25,000 in matching funds. Group voted on the warrant article submission to town meeting, with the request that existing CRF not be used to fund this, since the funding in the CRF is already targeted to existing projects, and the boat launch was originally scheduled for repair in 2027 or later.

New Business:

-Celeste met with Jacqueline from Avenue A and advised that there is a probability that the beach project may still be underway in the first week of June, making the park inaccessible for the large event, Blindfolded Boat Race. Celeste reported she worked with Jacqueline to brainstorm some alternative locations

-Michael Ott heard a recommendation from a community member that we bring back the Fire and Ice festival.

Antrim Town Gym:

Old Business:

-Celeste reports no change in status of gymnasium doors, or floor. She is working to arrange the floor buff and coat and repair of cracked boards as early as possible.

Memorial Park:

Old Business

-Group reiterated the need for the cracks on the court to be sealed this season.

-Celeste Reports that Michael Redmond has stated that the replacement of the Gaga Ball Pit is a priority for him

-Discussion regarding the Mil Pond Dredging, hydro raking, or other methods such as hand pulling to remove the excessive vegetation. Celeste will continue to try and glean the cost for hydro raking, and the group will work with the Antrim Conservation Commission to try to remove invasives.

-Fishing Derby: discussed the derby requirements for volunteers and the cost of stocking the pond. Celeste will reach out to the family that offered to help last year.

-Antrim In The Evening: Jonas has spoken with the Community Board, to try and get their participation in bringing Community Groups to the concerts.

New Business:

-Michael Ott heard feedback from community member that the bandstand was not decorated for the holidays this year.

Goodell Park:

Old Business:

-Isaac reports he continues to collaborate with Peter from Antrim Conservation Commission. They will do some plant ID and pulling in the spring, and then revisit in the fall.

New Business:

-None

Next Meeting: February 8 at 7 om, Antrim Rec Office

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm

Notes collected by CL