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**VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 1, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was answered by Chairperson Jill Kelly, Dwight Bennett, Jeff Harwood, and David Lauffer. Also present was Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Trustee Liaison Robin Kelleher attended via conference call. Kasia Lazar and Mindy Nelson were absent.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approve Minutes of March 11, 2024 Special Meeting**

Motion by Chairperson Jill Kelly and seconded by David Lauffer to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission Special meeting. Chairperson Jill Kelly, Dwight Bennett, Jeff Harwood, and David Lauffer voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

**Discuss Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan Budget**

The Commission discussed further implementation of the 5-year plan.

Motion by David Lauffer and seconded by Jeff Harwood to approve the use of crushed gravel on the Leonard Park walking path between E. Oxford Road and Shady Lane; the Commission does not want to use mulch on the path. On roll call Chairperson Kelly, Dwight Bennett, Jeff Harwood, and David Lauffer voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Jeff Harwood will meet with the Village Administrator to discuss this project.

The Commission would like to begin working with a consultant who is familiar with the functional space use and design of residential parks. Dwight Bennett will follow up with some consultants and hopes to have an introductory presentation to the Commission as soon as May 6, 2024, the next scheduled Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

**Old/New Business**

**A. Summer Concert Signage**

The Summer Concert signage as well as a banner for Eton Park was discussed. The design layout of the signs was discussed. Chairperson Kelly will bring sign layout designs to the May 6, 2024, meeting for a Commission vote so that Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy can place an order.

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The Commission discussed enhancements for Eton Park, including installation of a GAGA Court. Chairperson Kelly will research the types and costs of GAGA Courts. The possibility of bike racks being installed at Eton Park was also discussed. A type of horseshoe rack may be installed on the Eton Park Board Walk so that no parking spaces are used.

The Commission reviewed a variety of marketing tools to use to publicize the summer events, including the Village Website, E-blasts, and Village Newsletter.

The resident survey will end on April 19, 2024; the Commission will review the results to evaluate resident interest categories.


The possibility of grants was discussed. The Commission will engage a consultant for assistance in obtaining grants.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Chairperson Jill Kelly and seconded by David Lauffer to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson Kelly, Dwight Bennett, Jeff Harwood, and David Lauffer voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

  
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John Lobaito, Village Clerk

