

Recreation Commission remote meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

7-9 pm

Attending: Paul Cramer, Mark Wolfson, Jim Rodrigue Laurance Stuntz, & Anthony Munchak

1. Call to order
2. Citizen speak
3. Public input: Morses Operation summer 2022

Chairman Paul Cramer started the meeting by informing the attendees that no decisions have been made regarding Morses Pond for summer 2022 and that this hearing is for residents to give input of beach operations and access.

Marianne Lafitte stated:

- Liked having bathrooms open
- Was fine with no lifeguards
- Like to see beach opened later

Joe Schott stated:

- Excellent job by Recreation Department managing beach before and during COVID
- He does not have strong opinions regarding lifeguards
- Like to have inflatables allowed
- Reduce beach checks
- Reconsider fees and just charge for parking
- Like dock system & bathrooms being available
- Allow for a watercraft fee that is for the season
 - Reduces transactions

Richard Howell stated:

- Like having beach open during COVID
- New harvester this year will allow for better visibility and less weeds

Pete Jones stated:

- Look into having gate kept open outside of beach season
- To alleviate lifeguard shortage, ask the Fire Department to staff firefighters at beach while not on calls

Alice Miller stated:

- Would like to see the return of lifeguards

Alex Law asked why is there a lifeguard shortage?

Laurance Stuntz stated that this is a nationwide issue as lifeguards were unable to get certified or re-certified during the pandemic.

Maureen Febiger stated:

- Please push the Morses Pond Beach and Bathhouse project forward as the bathhouse is pathetic.
- Beach is a wonderful Town resource
- More presence of lifeguards/rangers at end of day.
- Fine with charging resident families more to visit Morses Pond, maybe have a family member cap
- No more senior discounts
- More raking of the shoreline is needed.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Wolfson

Second: Anthony Munchak

All commissioners in attendance:

Paul Cramer, Mark Wolfson, Jim Rodrigue Laurance Stuntz, & Anthony Munchak