

# Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

## Committee: Parks and Recreation

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| <b>Date:</b>   | 06.02.2020   | <b>Location:</b> Zoom Teleconference  |
| <b>Chair:</b>  | Val Pennington   | <b>Time:</b> 6:00 pm  |
| <b>Note Taker:</b>                                       | Cindy Bahn   |   |
| <b>Members In Attendance:</b>                            | Val Pennington<br>Glenn Pritchard<br>Jeff Stuncard, Council  |   |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>                                   |  |   |
| <b>Others In Attendance:</b>                             | Cindy Bahn, DAS<br>Ellen Goodman, Director, Bayne Memorial Library<br>Andrea Contes, Financial Services Administrator  | Ben Gilberti, HRG Engineers<br>Lauren Breslin, HRG Engineers<br>Bryan Churilla, HRG Engineers |
| <b>Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes)</b>  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul> |  |   |
| <b>Agenda Items – Reports:</b>                           |  |   |
| <b>1</b>   | <b>Andrew Bayne Memorial Library; Ellen Goodman, Director</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Goodman referenced her plan to reopen the library, which was previously provided to Council. The Office of Commonwealth Libraries must approve the plan. Book drops will begin June 8, and returned materials will be quarantined for 72 hours. Book pickups will begin June 15.</li> <li>▪ The Summer Concert series is scheduled to begin June 17. In the “green phase” of reopening, gatherings must be limited to 250 people and Ms. Goodman believes that historically, the highest number of attendees is about 100. President Pennington recommended that an announcement be made at the beginning of each show suggesting that audience members maintain social distancing, and that the Borough reserves the right to “thin the herd” for public safety purposes. Ms. Goodman noted that the Unrehearsed Shakespeare Company has already cancelled all their summer 2020 performances, including at Bayne Park.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Goodman inquired about rentals of the Bayne park gazebo. The Admin Office will funnel requests towards Memorial Park pavilions.</li> <li>▪ She reported that the summer lunch program will be held with pickup in front of the Bellevue Elementary School.</li> </ul> |   |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>Bellevue Parks; Ben Gilberti, HRG Engineers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Gilberti reported that construction on improvements to Memorial Park has started. Mark Smith, a waterline expert with HRG, will work with him on the most economical way to repair the leaking waterline in Memorial Park.</li> <li>▪ As for Gillott Park, Mr. Gilberti noted that he has spoken to the QVCOG about moving the site of the playground, and a certificate of safety will be issued for the new location.</li> </ul>   |   |
| <b>Unfinished Business:</b>                              |  |   |

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| <b>1</b>  | <p><b>Bellevue Dog Woods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wendy Blazier reported that the dog park opened on Memorial Day; users are wearing masks and socially distancing.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Blazier stated that there is still an issue with the lack of water.</li> <li>▪ She also noted that there is an issue with the parking lot, and thought that the dog park was supposed to get a dedicated parking lot. She believes that the rocks on the trail are a hazard for elderly users. Mr. Gilberti responded that he would take a look at it, and that he didn't know what the plan is for the parking lot.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>2</b>  | <p><b>North Boroughs Fireworks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lee Nelson, Chair of the North Boroughs Fireworks Committee, provided a history of the fireworks, which were started in the 1960s by Bellevue Borough with financial support from the Bellevue School District. Over the last 20 years, 5 other communities have joined with Bellevue and Avalon to pay for the fireworks and other activities. Avalon provides the site, set up and clean up, and contributes about \$3,000 to the cost. Bellevue also contributes about \$3,000.</li> <li>▪ The fireworks have been tentatively rescheduled for Labor Day, September 7. The \$4,200 deposit has been paid, using carryover from 2019 and Avalon's 2020 contribution. The deposit may be carried over to 2021 if necessary. Mr. Nelson stated that t-shirts would be sold to help fund the fireworks.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Pennington stated that this will be a topic of discussion for the June Pre-Council meeting.</li> </ul> |
| <b>New Business: None</b>                                   |  |
| <b>Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes)</b> |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>    |  |

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 6:41 pm

**Next Meeting:** July 7, 2020, 6:00 pm

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on June 23, 2020.