

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
RECREATION COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 19, 2021
8:30 a.m.**

The Recreation Committee of Council met at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Kaye Smith (Chair), Greg Hammond and Bachman Smith, IV. Staff members present were Administrator Andy Benke, Jason Blanton, Chris Griffin, Amanda Hawver, Pam Otto, Chief Anthony Stith, Captain Chris Wallace and Bridget Welch. Mayor Pro-Tem Chauncey Clark was also present. There were no members of the audience or media present. This meeting was conducted via virtual meeting as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Chair Kaye Smith called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

The list of items below was reviewed and discussed:

St. Patrick's Day at the park- Chair Kaye Smith asked the Committee for their recommendation to host the event in the park. Councilmember Hammond stated that Dunleavy's Pub was not going to submit a Special Event Permit this year due to COVID-19. Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV stated that he is not in favor of having the event this year. The Committee's consensus was to not have the event this year.

Farmer's Market- The Farmer's Market runs from the first of April until the end of June. Mount Pleasant's Farmer's Market this year is encouraging their vendors to use online ordering and pick-up service in order to reduce people grouping. Chair Kaye Smith stated that the Town does not have the same amount of manpower like Mount Pleasant does and asked for staff and the Committee's thoughts. Town Administrator Andy Benke stated that the COVID-19 virus numbers are declining due to the vaccine, however, the effects of the new UK variant are unknown at this time. He added that his two main concerns were continuity of service to the residents and protection of the employees. Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV stated that the vaccine is not widely available yet and that is cause for concern. Councilmember Greg Hammond stated that he thinks it is doable but he understands that it would require more staff involvement and he is on board with the rest of the Committee. Chair Kaye Smith stated that she is ambivalent also and logistically it could get really complicated. Chief Stith stated that he cannot afford to have his maintenance staff get sick while working the market and recommended postponing the event this year. The Committee's consensus was to postpone the Farmer's Market for 2021.

Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks- Traditionally, the Recreation Committee hosts a parade that commences in the morning at 9:00 a.m. that ends with a celebration at the Fish Fry Shack with drinks and refreshments and ends with fireworks in Stith park at dusk. In 2020, the firework show was postponed from Fourth of July until the tree lighting ceremony in December. Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV stated that he would prefer the firework show in December again because of the uniqueness. Councilmember Greg Hammond agreed and stated that he received a number of positive comments after last years' December fireworks show. The Committee's consensus was to have the firework show again this year in December.

2021-2022 Budget- The tennis courts and basketball courts at Stith park need to be resurfaced. The estimate for the work is approximately \$28,000.00. There is \$30,000.00 left in the maintenance budget for this year. The other option is to make improvements to the mound. Andy Benke stated he believes the Town should have a stormwater runoff master plan for the 16-acre footprint which includes the mound, Stith park, Town Hall, fire station, storage building and wastewater treatment plant. The Committee agreed to use the remainder of the maintenance budget to resurface the tennis courts and basketball courts in this fiscal year. There were no other changes to the recreation budget. The FY22 budget will remain the same as the previous year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond, to adjourn at 9:23 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Sottile