

Riverhead Comprehensive Plan Update

Questionnaire for Boards and Commissions

Submitted by Town of Riverhead Recreation Committee

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Overview

The Town of Riverhead Recreation Advisory Committee is an advisory committee comprised of eight members from Riverhead Town – Marjorie Acevedo, Chair, George Gabrielsen, Co-Chair, Dwayne Eleazer, Frank Petrignani, Rose Sanders, Jeremy Savio, Ronald Schmitt, Justin Winter, Also attending the meetings are Town Councilperson Kenneth Rothwell, as liaison to the Town Board and Ray Coyne, Parks and Recreation Superintendent.

The Recreation Advisory Committee meets at 5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Town Hall. The Recreation Advisory was created as an overseer for park and recreation funds. Those funds would be spent on Recreation Capital Projects throughout the Town of Riverhead. The Committee consists of members from each area of the township. This diversity of logistics and Town character enables the Committee to have the true pulse of our recreational needs. All recreation projects would have the consideration of enrichment of all Town residents; regardless of status. The Committee would embrace projects for both the present and future recreational needs of our community. We would also prioritize suggestions coming through the Recreation Department.

Working with Recreation, Engineering and Accounting, we could prioritize which new projects or improvements to existing facilities we would recommend to the Town Board. The committee would also have input in the planning and administration of approved Recreation Projects.

Regardless of the Town Board's final decision on a project, the Committee would have an obligation to report back to the Town residents in the respective areas with the conclusion of said project.

It is clearly stated in its Charter that the Committee is an advisory committee only and all final decisions are made by the Riverhead Town Board.

Recent Capital Projects/Actions

- Beach Booth Construction
- Parks Signs
- Pickle ball Courts @ Veterans Park
- Playground @ Iron Pier Beach
- Dog Park Water
- S. Jamesport Tennis Court
- S. Jamesport Fence installation
- Bayberry Basketball Court/Tennis Court/Fence
- Stotzky Park Scoreboard
- Swings at Iron Pier Beach

- Fence for the Iron Pier PG
- Pickelball Courts Calverton (Concrete Curb)

Prioritized Projects for 2023

- **Bayberry Park Parking Lot**
- **Horton Ave. Parking Lot and lights**
- **Two Bears (project has been sitting for 2 years), Tennis Courts in bad shape, Sport Court to be added, Basketball court in bad shape, Playground needs to be replaced, Walking path in poor shape – tree buckling underneath**
- **East Creek –Surveillance and Lighting, Pavers needed in parking lot, Concession stand needs to be updated**
- **Millbrook Gables - Basketball Court to be resurfaced**
- **Reeves Beach – New Bathrooms needed**
- **Walking Trail improvements for completion of trail**
- **Veterans Memorial Park – completion of bathrooms**
- **Soccer Fields at EPCAL**
- **Paintball**
- **Disc Golf**

Issues

- The Committee needs more clarity and transparency regarding the status of funding.
- The Committee needs a monthly update of the Site Plan Applications.
- Committee needs a monthly update of the Subdivision Applications.
- Committee needs a monthly update from accounting department of monies obtained from the above projects. Identifying their location in order to determine the expenditures for parks in proximity to projects.
- The Committee would like to raise the Recreation Development fees for subdivisions.
- EPCAL – Recreation Committee should have more input into funding at EPCAL site.
- Due to the site location of Veterans Memorial park, it is often not eligible for CBGB funds or Park and Recreation Fees commonly used to develop and preserve our town parks and therefore we must provide specific allocated budget line for development and preservation for this park.