

Minutes
June 18, 2020
Special Meeting – Reopening Phase 3

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich held a special meeting to discuss reopening Village parks using NYS guidelines during Phase 3. The Board met in person, while the public was invited to join via virtual platform due to mandated social distancing guidelines. Present were Mayor Fuller, Treasurer Prime, Trustees Brown, Robinson, Edsforth, Attorney Kelly, Sargent Danko, President Jim Mumby and Superintendent Flynn. Trustee Vandewater was absent.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:31pm.

Mayor Fuller started the meeting with the topic of reopening the parks, specifically Gannon Park.

Signs: Parks in New York have the following signs: CAUTION Coronavirus remains a threat to public health! Parks are not sterilized. Use at your own risk! Physical social distancing is required; 6 feet between each person not in immediate family. Wear a mask when unable to keep a 6 ft distance from non-family member. Limit the number of people playing at the same time. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>. Two signs for every park, laminated with wood posts and backing. Trustee Edsforth advocates for a NO DOGS ALLOWED in Gannon Park. Pending an amendment to the Parks Law.

Port-a-Potty: The rental comes with a once-a-month cleaning. How often should it be cleaned? Depends on usage. Twice a week was discussed. Optional locks are available. If no port-a-potty is available to use, urine odor has been noticed in the past.

Masks: A grey area. Trustee Edsforth expressed concern about guidelines and potential liability for the Village.

Cleaning: Using 60% alcohol solution to wipe off play areas. Providing cleaning and disinfection of high-touch areas.

Gathering: The Town plans to have groups of no more than 10. The tentative times are from 1:00 – 3:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays. GYC is planning on Tuesdays. The Town Youth Program starts on July 29th. The Youth Center has a survey out to parents to gauge interest in participation. George Ostrowski is the Director of Food for Kids.

Opening to Public: How to enforce social distancing and port-a-potty cleaning seems almost impossible to comply with is the general agreement. Opening to just the youth groups with the park being locked at other times was explored and met with agreement.

Splashpad and playground: Who is going to enforce rules? Providing 6' markers in aquatic spray areas is one of the guidelines. If splashpad isn't open, the risk exposure is limited. If the park is locked, the dog issue goes away as well. Decision- no splash pad this year. The town has agreed to share port-a-potty costs.

Locking protocol: GYC plans to meet at the park. Superintendent Flynn suggested a Master Lock with keys given to groups using.

Sophy Sign: Superintendent Flynn is ready to install.

Parks Law Amendment: Attorney Kelly revised the language according to the wishes of the Board to review before the Public Hearing at the next Regular Board Meeting on July 13 at 8:00pm- **Local Law No. 3 of the year 2020, entitled AMENDMENT OF VILLAGE OF GREENWICH LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2000, A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "PUBLIC PARKS LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH"** **Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich, New York that Local Law No. 1 of the year 2000 entitled "PUBLIC PARKS LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH" be amended as follows:** **Section Four** is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"In case of an emergency, or when the Mayor or the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works determines that it is in the public interest, any Park or Recreation Area, or portion thereof, may be closed to the public, to designated persons (pursuant to section 19 of this law) or to animals, including dogs; for such period as the Mayor or Superintendent of the Department of Public Works determines is necessary. In the case of such closure, a sign or signs shall be posted at or near the entrance to the Park or other conspicuous locations."

Section 19 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"Any person, corporation, or other legal entity found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any of the provisions of this local law, shall be fined in an amount not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. Any person found to have violated this local law more than one time in a five (5) year period may be banned for using a Park or all Parks for a period not to exceed one year.

Village Offices Reopening: Phil Spezio will be meeting at the office to go over process and procedures. More cleanings will need to be scheduled. Cleaning logs as well. Lowering counter, plexiglass and a door blocking entrance into the office area.

Sidewalk usage by business: Mayor Fuller stated that flexibility is important as businesses reopen. The corner business on Hill and Main has a narrow sidewalk. Leaving 30" to allow pedestrian traffic is the answer. Mayor Fuller will measure the sidewalk.

Executive Order 203: Mayor Fuller stated we will be working on this in the future. Sargent Danko said the deadline to have a plan is April 2021.

7:50pm Motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Edsforth and carried by all.

8:10pm Motion to adjourn Executive Session and adjourn meeting made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Robinson and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Dowling
Village Clerk