

Recreation Commission

Commissioners

Selectman Liaison

Chairman-Peter Furia

Peter Spagone, Jr.

Vice Chair-Bob Katilus

Treasurer-Tom Williams

Secretary-Theresa McNulty

Member-John Shea, Joe Floeck, Jessica Packer

Meeting Minutes June 24, 2021

All members in attendance. Additional attendees: Selectman Peter Spagone, Jr, Jenn Pohl Meeting opened at 7:02pm by chair

Discussion and review of Jen's data collection to date. She has met with all youth sports and DPW. She has put together a spreadsheet of data, which will be used to format a report. Peter F. suggested we put together a sub committee to review all the data and come up with a priority list. Sub committee: Peter Furia, John Shea, Theresa McNulty. Jen will also attend to provide data. Sub committee will come up with a plan to move forward with initial capital improvements needed at various locations of town fields. Meet at town hall, Wednesday, at 3pm, email to confirm date and time will be sent by Theresa.

Priority at this time include: street hockey rink repairs (quotes previously received), Church St roof repair, lights for fields at Belmont St, electrical issues at Church St. We will need to present quotes and timeline if we wish to move forward to submit request for town funds.

Discussion of formulation of a 5 year capital plan as well as a 5 year strategic/business plan, which will be further discussed at future meetings.

Review of meeting minutes of 4/29/21. Motion to accept made by Jessica, 2nd by Tom, unanimous vote in favor. There was no quorum in May, so no official business was conducted.

Discussion of concession stand at Strong's Field- this could be used by various town groups or nonprofits, school groups etc, if anyone was interested. Strong's is fully booked for the summer, so there would be potential to make money. High school kids has previously been asked but so far there was no interest.

Rec commission would very much like to collaborate and partner with not only town sports groups, but also COA, Veteran's Agent, Arts Council, Historical Commission etc to host future events and activities. We will be working on outreach and looking for ideas.

Regarding security cameras at the fields, John Shea spoke with IT/Security and got 2 quotes, which were presented to the Commission.

Reminder: those members who are up for reappointment need to get their letters in to Selectmen's office by June 30th. Theresa and Joe were both reappointed & sworn in.

A vote was taken to approve up to 1,000. For wearables for the Commission. Jessica and Peter F. will collaborate on Rec shirts/wearables. Also voted to have Jen Pohl submit her hours to this point for payment. Motion made by Joe, 2nd by Bob, unanimous.

We will need to continue to discuss potential reuse of the current basketball court area at Church St and removal of those courts. DPW will be in charge of removal of the damaged areas.

Discussion about town event: date was chosen as August 21, with rain date of Aug 22. Peter S will look into live music for the event, Jessica will work on food trucks, Theresa and Bob will work on activities, Jen will reach out to youth sports to invite them and see if they want to have activities. Event will be 3pm to 8pm. We will get together in small groups as needed to firm up events, work on flyer and social media, and plan further. Jen P will work on a flyer and collaborate with Peter F for banner for the Rec Commission. Theresa will send additional info for flyer to Jen as it gets confirmed.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob at 8:18, second by Tom, unanimous vote in favor.

Next meeting to be Thursday, July 15th at 7pm Will be going back to the 3rd Thursday of each month for consistency.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa McNulty Secretary