



## **Recreation Commission**

### **Commissioners**

**Chairman-Peter Furia**

**Vice Chair-Bob Katilus**

**Treasurer-Tom Williams**

**Secretary-Theresa McNulty**

**Member-John Shea, Joe Floeck, Jessica Packer**

### **Selectman Liaison**

**Peter Spagone, Jr.**

### **Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2023**

5 members in attendance for this meeting – Tom Williams and Jessica Packer absent  
Additional attendees: John Haines, Mark Wilcox, Cops for Kids with Cancer Tournament

Meeting opened at 7:09pm

Vote to approve minutes of November 19 meeting-motion by John second by Bob, unanimous in favor.

Mark Wilcox wants to host a tournament again this year at Belmont St fields, June 11<sup>th</sup>, for Cops for Kids with Cancer. Raised 3,000 last year, and wants to make it bigger this year. He has plenty of volunteers and 150-200 players. He would like permission to use the fields. Mark will email David Floeck to ask about any conflicts with date. We told him to see Rebecca at Selectmens office to fill out field use form. Motion to support Mark using the fields by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter, unanimous in favor.

Discussion of ARPA committee. Church St project, snack shack roofs at Belmont and Church St, lighting a Church St, and electrical upgrades, Strongs field scoreboard, outdoor theatre, LED lighting at all fields, building repairs at Church St are all still in discussion. ARPA funds will need to be voted by ARPA, then forwarded to Board of Selectmen, then submitted to Plymouth County for final approval and potential distribution of funds. Plymouth county funding has decided to take some of that ARPA money and hold it. ARPA has through the end of 2024 to approve any projects and through the end of 2026 to complete the projects, so this may not be funds that we will see too soon.

Discussion on volunteerism being down across the board, all sports and other groups, organizations, are suffering from lack of volunteers. As board members are aging out, it's getting tougher to find people to replace them. Younger parents need to start becoming involved.

We need to meet with Finance Committee on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss FY 24 budget and our needs going forward as well as our spending this year.

Church St update, DPW crew has been doing work down at the site, removal of debris. Goal is to have playable courts by July 4<sup>th</sup> of this year.

We have had 3 requests to put on concerts, we need to figure out a plan of what events are happening and when, and who will be onsite to oversee the events.

Discussion of outdoor theatre if approved-will there be a rental fee and a security deposit or just a fee? What is the turnaround time to purchase and receive theatre? Where will we store it? Who will be in charge of set up and return to storage?

June 17<sup>th</sup> interdepartmental softball game-how are plans going? Town depts, games, concert? Food trucks?

Bob will contact Dave Sheedy and work as coordinator for that event. He will update us at the next meeting. Are we using HS and Central School fields?

Strongs Field was brought up as a good location for movie nights due to the darkness, and it has the snack shack and porta potties.

MASS safe routes to schools (bike safety and walking) SRTS must be an initiative of the schools so Peter F will reach out to Superintendent Legault and John Shea to see what can be done-safety programs, signage, bike rodeos and more

Next meeting to be determined.

Motion to adjourn by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa McNulty  
Secretary