



RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

February 1st, 2022

7:00 PM

Remote Zoom Meeting

Present: Hema Santhanakrishnan, Commissioner; Stephen Trimble, Chair; Joe Will, Commissioner; David Martin, Select Board; Melissa Rier, Recreation Director; Jeff Bergert, Resident; Liam Lemke; Resident.

Absent: Nancy Corcoran, Commissioner; Christopher Hardy, Clerk .

7:03 PM Steve opened the meeting.

I. Regular Business

1. Review of January 4, 2022 meeting minutes:

Minutes as amended were accepted. Motion made by Joe, seconded by Steve, and passed unanimously, 3-0.

2. Resident Concerns:

No concerns were reported.

3. Reports:

- a) ***Fields and Facilities***

Melissa reported that she got a call from the Acton Police Department that a few cars got stranded in NARA's parking lot. Apparently, people headed to NARA's Amphitheater hill for sledding after the big snowstorm and the parking lot was not plowed. The Natural Resource crew does not plow recreational areas on the weekend, and Recreation was able to find a private vendor to plow the lot for them.

- b) ***Rail Trails***

No updates.

- c) ***Events***

Winter carnival is cancelled. Recreation is looking forward to Pirate Party in April and followed by concerts during the summer months.

- d) ***Senior Park / Dog Park***

Jeff gave us a brief update about the dog park presentation. The Dog Park Committee is applying for the Stanton Foundation Grant. There have been potential challenges with the proposed walkway being very steep.

- e) ***Community Preservation Committee***

- *CPA Projects:*

- *NARA Sports Pavilion – Expected to open in the end of March. Once construction is completed Recreation will be working on the fiber optics and furniture for the new building.*
- *Gardner Playground Renovation – Overall most people like the playground design and there was a discussion about the landscape and the archway.*
- *Elm Street Court Reconstruction – The presentation went well with a good feedback from the supporters. Recreation is also continuing to look for more recreational space to add pickleball courts.*
- *Recreation Center Playground – CPC seemed to put this at lowest priority.*

II. New/Special Business

4. Student Volunteer of the Year Award:
Congrats to Liam Lemke for receiving the Student Volunteer of the Year Award for his help and dedication to Recreation events.
5. Open Space and Recreation Plan: Melissa is working on editing the public survey.
6. Waterfront, Camps, and Park Set-Up: Melissa has been hiring staff, setting up a new camp, by booking field trips and performers. Steve Trimble has also been helping with camp setup.
7. Haunted Hill Top: Pumpkin Guts Productions (PGP) are interested in renting the Rec Center for a Haunted House and it has been approved by Town management. PGP is in the process of planning the haunted house and getting the necessary permits. This will be a great opportunity for high school students to volunteer as haunt actors.

III. Consent Items

8. Field Use Policy Concerning Racism: Final draft was approved unanimously.

Meeting ended at 8.14 PM with motion made by Joe, seconded by Hema, and passed unanimously, 3-0.

Upcoming Recreation Commission Meetings

| Date | Time | Location |
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| March 1, 2022 | 7:00 PM | Zoom |
| April 5, 2022 | 7:00 PM | TBD |
| May 3, 2022 | 7:00PM | TBD |