

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

Minutes of Meeting

April 24, 2023

Attended: Chris Gerstel, Michelle Geddes, Dina Hannigan, Cynthia Chaston, James Rosenbaum

Absent:

Staff: Stacey Mulroy, Hannah Corrigan, Derek Moreau

Guests: Paul Pasquarosa, Ari Rosenbaum, Frederica Lalonde, Rakesh Shukla, Lisa Rhoades, Orrin Zucker

Call to Order (CTO)

Mr. Gerstel called the meeting to order at 06:00pm on April 24, 2023.

1. Open Forum

Pickleball court incidents

- Vocal Disagreement between Tennis / Pickleball Players.
- 4/6 Nets were cut over the weekend.
- NHS Coach / Pickleball player disagreement

2. Chair's Update

None presented.

3. Director's Report

Park and Recreation Director Stacey Mulroy

3a. Programs & Events

- Spring Programs are up and running.
- Touch a Truck and Rollie's Fishing Festival.
 - DPW is going to bring a truck to collect for the can drive.
- Town Wide Clean Up
- Summer Registrations are ongoing

3b. Fields and Facilities

- Season Passes
 - Court Badges
 - Family – 76 Badges
 - Individual – 24 Badges
 - Senior – 69 Badges

- Pool Passes
 - Resident
 - Family- 237 Passes
 - Individual – 5 Passes
 - Senior – 35 Passes
 - Non-Resident
 - Family – 3 passes
 - Individual – 1 Pass
 - Senior – 2 Passes
- Rosemary Pool
 - Weston & Sampson are repairing the pumps
 - Covers will come off next week -
 - Acid tablet feeders will be installed

3c. Staffing

- Summer Staffing
 - Pools
 - Supervisor
 - Assistant Supervisor
 - WSI
 - Lifeguard
 - Maintenance
 - Booth Attendant
 - Program/Camps
 - Assistant Supervisor
 - Site Supervisor
 - Specialist
 - Group Leader
 - Counselor
- Volunteers
 - Always looking for volunteers and/or interns for the department
 - Leaders in Training

4. Additional Discussion Items

4a. Active Recreation Working Group Update

- Pickleball / Skatepark Planning
- Dog Park

4b. Commission Policies

None Presented.

4c. Capital Project

No update.

4d. Playgrounds and Facilities

Pickleball discussions with public comments.

5. Action Items & Approvals

5a. Special Events

Event: Family Picnic for our families and staff – Contingent on a Location Change

Motion – Cynthia Chaston

2nd – Dina Hannigan

5-0 unanimous

Event: Outdoor Back to School Movie Night

Motion – Cynthia Chaston

2nd – Michelle Geddes

5-0 unanimous

Event: AAPI Craft Event - Contingent on a Location Change

Motion – Dina Hannigan

2nd – Michelle Geddes

5-0 unanimous

Event: Wellesley Amateur Radio Society (Notice)

Event: Boys Lacrosse Tournament in which teams play both Saturday and Sunday – (Declined)

Motion – Chris Gerstel

2nd – Michelle Geddes

5-0 unanimous

Event: Family oriented picnic for the families of the members of the lodge (Future Meeting)

Recommendation to nominate Chris Gerstel as Chair

Motion – Cynthia Chaston

2nd – Dina Hannigan

4-0 unanimous (1 Abstained)

Recommendation to nominate Michelle Geddes as Vice-Chair

Motion – Cynthia Chaston

2nd – Dina Hannigan

4-0 unanimous (1 Abstained)

5b. Fee Approvals

None presented.

5.c Meeting Minutes

Swear in Frederica Lalonde as Commissioner

Motion – Chris Gerstel

2nd – Dina Hannigan

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Motion – Frederica Lalonde

2nd – Michelle Geddes

3-0 (3 Abstained)

Liaison For Council on Aging – Penny Grossman

Motion – Cynthia Chaston

2nd – Michelle Geddes

5-0 unanimous

6. Topics For Future Meetings

- Pickleball discussions

7. Issues Not Reasonably Anticipated

None Presented

8. Next Meetings

- Monday May 22, 2023
- Monday June 12, 2023
- Monday June 26, 2023

9. Adjournment of Business Meeting

Motion – Dina Hannigan

2nd – Cynthia Chaston

5-0 Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 07:20pm on April 24, 2023

Respectfully Submitted.

Derek Moreau Jr.

Administrative Specialist

