

**Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
September 9th, 2024 @ 7:00pm**

Present: Christopher Gerstel (Chair), Michelle Geddes (Vice-Chair), Cynthia Chaston (Member), Dina Hannigan (Member), Stacey Mulroy (Director), Hannah Corrigan (Assistant Director), Dominic Stanganelli (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: James Rosenbaum (Member)

Guests: Jeanne Hopkins, Payson Greene

Call to Order

Mr. Gerstel called the meeting to order at 7:11pm, September 9th, 2024.

1. Open Forum Public Comment

None.

2. Meeting Guests

See above.

3. Chair's Update

None.

4. Director's Report

Field permitting is being updated regularly to include special events. The Fall 2024 light permit schedule was sent out earlier this week. The department has been working with schools to conduct maintenance in and around playgrounds. Claxton and Asa Small Fields are closed for the season for construction. Walker Gordon is also currently closed, but we are hoping it will re-open in early October.

Fuss & O'Neil have reached out to various playground vendors for quotes regarding DeFazio. An application has been submitted to the Community Preservation Committee for the Needham High School Tennis Court project.

5. Discussion Items

The plans for the DeFazio tot lot included schematics for a potential dog park as part of a larger potential project. The Commission voiced objection to the dog park due to its proximity to playgrounds - Stacey agreed. Chris inquired about updates to our tennis and pickleball court policies, to which Stacey replied we are still working to ensure the language is all correct. She added that our dog policy is coming along as well.

6. Action Items & Approvals

6A. Special Event Approvals

Sunita Williams PTC Picnic

Motion: Dina

Second: Cynthia

Vote: 4-0

Denial of Riverside Community Staff Appreciation

Motion: Chris

Second: Dina

Vote: 4-0

6B. Policy Approvals

None.

6C. Fee Approvals

None.

6D. Previous Meetings' Minutes

Minutes of 8/26/2024

Motion: Cynthia

Second: Michelle

Vote: 3-0, Dina abstained due to absence

7. Issues Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair within 48 Hours

The Commission recognized our park ranger, Wu Ping Lao, for his efforts in enforcing Park and Recreation rules.

8. Topics for Future Meetings

Court policy, dog policy, Cricket Field user-group discussions, and updates regarding proposed DeFazio dog park.

9. Next Meetings

- Monday, September 23rd, 2024
- Wednesday, October 16th, 2024
- Monday, October 28th, 2024

10. Adjournment of Business Meeting

Motion: Dina

Second: Cynthia

Vote: 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm, September 9th, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dominic Stanganelli

Administrative Assistant