

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes 4/11/22

Present: Christopher Gerstel, Dina Hannigan, Michelle Geddes

Absent: Cynthia Chaston

Staff: Stacey Mulroy, Fabien Desrouleaux

Call to order: 7:03pm

1. Open Forum – Public Comment

- a. Lindsay Page- (47 Mayo Ave.) Submitted letter in regard to Action Park. Wanted to move forward. Inquired the best approach for community buy-in, available locations, as well as how to get things moving forward.
 - i. Chris Gerstel- Interested in looking into this. Currently have a few items to review prior. Stacey will send letter to all commissioners, for review. Chris requested Lindsay return and we discuss next meeting.
 1. Will be added to next agenda
- b. Joshua Conlon- same suggestions and inquiries as Lindsay. Requested being added to next agenda

2. Chair's Update

- a. Selection of candidate to fill open Commission seat
 - i. Dates will be put out as soon as available.
 - ii. Candidate must be interviewed.
 - iii. 5 Candidates

3. Director's Report A. Spring Programs

1. Spring Events-
 - a. Programs doing well, only had to cancel a few. Events are doing well. Organizations are beginning to sign up for town-wide cleanup, such as Tripadvisor. Pool memberships doing well (numbers included in packet)
2. Fields & Facilities –
 - a. O.F.S. employee will work as a Tennis monitor. Field Closures are being posted to town website.
 - b. Michelle requested that we work to have field closures posted further out, stating approximately how long they will be closed for, so users can plan accordingly
 - c. Storage unit purchase prices higher than anticipated. We will discuss further at a future meeting.
3. Summer Programs
 - a. Program financial reports attached in packet
4. The Pools @ RRC

4. Additional Discussion Items

- a. New Commissioner
 - i. Discussed earlier in meeting
- b. Capital Projects
- c. CPC

- i. Withdrew Boat ramp proposal, to have better dialogue with the community
- d. Playgrounds Priorities
 - i. Weston and Sampson may potentially be able to add the new Claxton playground construction to the Claxton Field project. Will depend on cost.
- e. Facilities
 - i. Stacey got approval to add pickleball courts to NHS tennis courts. 2 of the courts are usable.
 - ii. Chris recommended adding courts at Pollard tennis courts
 - iii. We will discuss more at future meeting

5. Action Items & Approvals

A. Special Event Approvals

- f. St. Joe's request: Motion made by Dina Hannigan, seconded by Michelle Geddes. Passed 3-0
- g. Cub Scout Pack 4 request: Motion made by Michelle Geddes, seconded by Dina Hannigan. Passed 3-0
- h. Bay State Football request- Will be reviewed at next meeting

B. Meeting Minutes

Can't approve (do not have quorum). Will approved next meeting

6. Topics for Future Meetings

- a. Dina noticed a lot of trash over the weekend at the fields.
 - i. Stacey will send an email to all user groups reminding them about cleaning up after their groups.
 - ii. We will look into a policy for user groups in the future

7. Issues Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair within 48 Hours

8. Next Meetings A. Wednesday, April 27, 2022

B. Monday, May 9, 2022

This meeting may be moved

C. Monday, May 23, 2022

D. Monday, June 13, 2022

9. Adjournment of Business Meeting

- a. Motion made by Michelle Geddes, seconded by Dina Hannigan. Passed 3-0. Adjourned at 8:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

Fabien Desrouleaux

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