

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 22, 2019

Call to order: at 7:08 pm

Recreation Commission members present: Mitch Katzman, Joyce Cannon, Lynn Connors, Ann Delaney, Shelia Moylan, Bob Phillips, Paul Tucerri, Elizabeth Phillips

Recreation Staff members present: Nicole Banks, Rich Adams

Public Comment: none

Consent Agenda: Ann Delaney motioned to approve the minutes as written, and Mitch Katzman seconded. Passed unanimously.

Commission Member Reports:

Mitch asked that Nicole be responsible for following up with town administration regarding the topic discussed last month to ask what action could be taken if organized groups on using fields without approved permits. Paul reported that he did reach out to Mike Jaillet and had not heard back yet. Nicole reported that the current role of the recreation staff is to manage the schedule for the fields and to issue the permits, their role is not to “police” the fields. Joyce asked how much of a problem is it that people are on the fields when they are not permitted. Paul answered that this occurs often, 2-3 times a week. Bob agreed that there are groups using the fields that are not paying and not permitted.

Nicole clarified that that if someone/group is on the field, and someone comes with a permit and the non-permitted group refuses to leave, the permitted group should call the police.

Nicole also addressed a few of the known groups that have been on fields/facilities without permit and she has dealt directly with these groups.

Nicole recommended that the field sub-committee meet to discuss the adult sports groups and how to streamline the permit process.

Director/staff report: The April vacation programs were amazing and the next event scheduled is the Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 11th, 7-11 am. The Recreation Department will also participate in the Little League and Softball Parade on Saturday, April 27th.

Fields and Facilities:

- The tennis court lights are almost complete! We need to plan a Grand Opening Event/Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate this completed progress. Date to be determined.
 - Need to plan how to use this new facility including: update signs, review fees for lighting and court time, public access and court reservations.
 - Nicole will reach out to Woman's Suburban Tennis League to communicate the protocol that is in place for permitting group use.
 - Need to grow into use for lit courts, i.e. membership, non-membership for reservations and are looking into what other towns are doing. Also interest in league play and looking for volunteer coordinators to set up skill level and matching up for play.
- June Street Playground
 - The playground installation was completed last fall but the weather was not conducive to hosting grand opening event.
 - The department will work with the neighborhood group and Roche Bros to plan the event. Shiela Moylan will assist with the event.
 - A playground inspection was conducted in the fall prior to opening the playground. An updated inspection is set for Wed. April 24th with final inspection report to follow.
 - A meeting onsite with DPW will be coordinated to review work on the access road, landscaping and park cleanup. This work will drive the timeline for the grand opening.
- Town meeting will be held on May 6 starting at 7:30 pm. Recreation items include:
 - Thurston field lighting layout and design
 - First Parish land field study and design

Next Meeting:

May 20, 2019, 7:00 PM

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Ann and seconded by Lynn to adjourn the Recreation Commission Meeting of April 22, 2019.

Submitted by: Lynn Connors