

**MINUTES**  
**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
OCTOBER 21, 2019

**Recreation Commission Members present:** Joyce Cannon, Bob Phillips, Lynn Connors, Ann Delaney, Elizabeth Phillips, Shelia Moylan and Mitch Katzman

**Recreation Staff Members present:** Rich Adams

Call to order: 7:02 pm

**Public Comment:** none

**Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of the Minutes of September 9, 2019, Motioned by Joyce Cannon, seconded by Lynn Connors. Voted to approve agenda and passed unanimously.
- Monthly Report: Rich Adams financial updates – The balance increase of \$102,952 for FY2019 was due to growth in all areas. For Spring 2019, there was a decrease in General Rec balance due to a leave of absence by one of the Program Managers. That decrease was offset by an increase in all aspects of Aquatics.

**Commission Member Reports:**

- a) Ann Delaney updated the group on the Comprehensive Master Plan, specifically the recreation portion. The draft of this chapter will be reviewed at the November 5th Planning Board meeting at 7:00pm at Carby Street. Ann and Nicole met with the committee members drafting the Recreation chapter and highlighted the goal to develop an indoor community recreation center including identifying a location and considering repurposing of other facilities. The goal of additional field development including night availability was also highlighted. Finally, the Community Preservation Act (CPA) was discussed as an option for funding of recreation and other targeted community projects. This tax is established by town vote at a rate between 1-3% and exemptions can be included, for example exemption for populations such as elders. Many other towns are taking advantage and accessing these funds that are set aside for these projects.
- b) Field policy updates: Rich Adams addressed Nicole Banks notes on meeting with the groups (adult sports groups) affected by the changes to the field's policy. The policy is ready and the letter to accompany it is almost ready to go out.

**Director/Staff report:**

- a) Westwood Day - A debriefing outline was distributed. Please email Nicole to add to any ideas towards improvement for next year.
- b) Morrison Park basketball court is complete including new fence and court resurface -- the court looks great!!

**Other items:**

Bob Phillips spoke to Mark Plecinoga, President of WYS. Bob expressed concern to Mark about the negative effect additional nighttime play will have on the Thurston fields due to the proposed lights. Mark indicated to Bob that WYS no longer wants the lights as they have improved the field usage and modified their scheduling to accommodate more teams on the field at one time thus eliminating the need for more night allocation.

**Next meeting:** - November 18, 2019, at 7:00 pm Carby Street

Moved by Mitch Katzman seconded by Joyce Cannon to adjourn the Recreation Commission meeting of October 21, 2019, at 8:06 pm.

Submitted by Lynn Connors