

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019

Call to order 7:13

Recreation Commission members present: Anne Delaney, Bob Phillips, Paul Tucceri,

Recreation Staff members present: Nicole Banks, Rich Adams, Kelley Peterson

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Approval of the Minutes: Paul Tucceri motioned to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2019 meeting as written and it was seconded by Bob Phillips. Pass unanimously.

Introduction of Kelley Peterson to Commission.

Reviewed monthly Report – no comments

Commission Member Reports:

Review of field Policy:

Nicole stated that Mike Jaillet reviewed the policy changes and is supportive of the new policies. He did not feel the Select Board approval was necessary but that it is important to message out to the groups who will be affected early and review their feedback.

Commission requested that Nicole speak to Mike Jaillet to ask if the policy can be provided to the Select Board

Nicole recommended that the policy be posted to the Recreation Website with an effective date of January 1, 2020 thus allowing field users to become familiar with the new policy ahead of the Spring 2020 season. Too soon to make effective Fall 2019 as permits have already been issued.

Nicole presented the internal document to be used when considering new Tier 1 applicants. Bob recommended that the 3rd bullet be removed.

Nicole offered thanks to the Fields Sub-Committee for their efforts in developing the new policy.

Director/Staff report:

Tennis Court Lights Review:

Rich Adams provided an update of the usage of courts. The 3 courts open to the public via the push button access are being used daily. He has seen instances where all three courts are being used and the Recreation Department has received call indicating that there are people waiting to use the courts. Bob Phillips countered indicating that on the several occasions that he has been at the courts, there have been no lines. He wants a study done before the other three courts are open to push button access. Rich also mentioned that there is a Tennis League forming who reserves the courts two nights a week for a fee. This is a pilot league which will provide insight as the Recreation Department develops a permanent league policy.

Westwood Day: Nicole provided an update on Westwood Day. Indicating that we will not have the services of the Church Volunteers this year due to a scheduling conflict. It will be very important for the Recreation Commission members to volunteer as much as possible as they are very experienced volunteers. She also asked the Members to make every effort to recruit friends and family to volunteer. The 2019 WWD Map was also reviewed with the most discussion about the new location for Stage B. Once fully explained the Commission approved of the new plan.

Other Items: Paul asked what the effect of the lights on the Thurston fields would do to the condition of the fields. Nicole indicated that by lighting the fields, it gives the flexibility to schedule the field use for night time and rest them during the day. The addition of a new field on the parish land will allow for the rotation of field use. Paul would like the Recreation Department to ask DPW if there has been any repair work done to the fields this summer. Paul would like the Commission to consider a different way of voting for leadership positions on the Commission.

Next Meeting is set for September 9, 2019

A motion to adjourn the Recreation Commission August 13, 2019 meeting was made by Paul Tucceri and seconded by Bob Phillips at 8:25 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Notes submitted by Rich Adams