

**MINUTES**  
**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
OCTOBER 19, 2020

**Recreation board members present** via Zoom webinar remote participate - Ann Delaney, Joyce Cannon, Sheila Moylan, Paul Tucceri, Elizabeth Phillips, Mitch Katzman and Bob Phillips

**Recreation Staff members present**- Rich Adams

Statement: this meeting is being recorded and will be on access on cable and media channels and will be available for later playback.

**Call to Order**: at 7:06 pm, October 19, 2020

**Public Comment**: none

**Consent Agenda**:

- a) Approval of the August 24, 2020 minutes, moved to approve the minutes by Bob Phillips seconded by Paul Tucceri. Passed unanimously.
- b) Rich Adams: **Monthly Report** - Rich states the new software, InDesign, for brochure is being used over Word. Better capabilities in new format. Over 30 programs - most are outdoor programs and limited inside programs. Approximately \$50,000 - profit in the summer. A member asked where this number comes from. Wed - remote learning - idea still working through - very time intensive. Sept - pool is working well with Covid safety guidance and condition swim program, lap swim and group lessons. Department started incorporating - pop-up program using social media - 1 day - 1 time program - due to limited space (up to 4 weeks), Aquatics did this with paddle board programs at Hale and very successful - planning to do this in the fall and winter.  
Looking for other partners in town - like churches, COA, 1st Parish and Hale
  - Arts and Craft
  - Babysitting
  - outdoors art program
  - outdoor basketball
  - snow shoeing
  - outdoor skating
  - ice bowls - during cold weather - like soccer - very successful in other towns - Fee to play \$1,100 per team - over Thanksgiving
  - Virtual run - virtual turkey trot
  - Nature Walks - over 2 month period - 4 walks
  - Business window painting

**Commission Member reports**:

- a) **Comprehensive Master Plan**: Reviewing Open Space –  
page 7 - letter  
Page 12 - a source of funds  
Goals and Objectives - review with attendees  
Page 13 (Page 6 of 8) - School buildings - finding a partner for ice rinks (like Boston Skating Club)  
R3 - Remove all wording and start wording at Partnering – don't like "new facility" wording  
R3 - Partner with private entities and remove Norwood and Canton  
**Rich will check with Abby** - if Sheehan field is under Recreation or is it part of school? Will need to be corrected.  
R5 - Replace Install to Consider - and remove the last 5 wordings in section.

R3 – A member objected to sharing any cost of indoor ice facility - in the Open Space Document; Other members agreed.

Members agree - document is purely exploration and not committed to structure.

Vote to approve - Yes (5) No (2)

**Director/Staff Report:**

- a) **Staffing Update:** Director was posted and pending  
Aquatics Assistant Manager - resigned - Sam Packard - need to replace
- b) **Program Updates:**
  - Used ICC - running programs this fall and need to be out of ICC by Dec.18th. Rec Dept needs to clean out items from ICC.
  - Pumpkin Carving event - on Halloween - 3 (1 hour sessions) - 240 are registered - trying for a 4th session (Free) using Westwood Day Budget
  - Seasonal Skating Rink - trying to work out how to manage and set-up; Place on tennis courts - no damage to tennis courts – hopefully; A member - wants information on rink on tennis court. She suggested to move rink to Sheehan. **Rich to get more information and not install rink until members are aware.**
  - Planning for Fireworks on New Year's Eve - Roche Bros will sponsor - more to come
- c) **Facilities Updates:**
  - Pool HVAC - removed old unit off roof in Sept. - issues on Sept 26 - remove old unit and replace with new unit on Sept.27 - vents didn't line up, New unit should be hooked up this week and it will take 2 weeks to have it fully operational. Air circulation wasn't working - effects the air temperature and not pool temperature.
  - Some parts were replaced at School St playground
  - Tennis nets - replace the (2) that were bad (leave up all winter) and store the other 4 nets for winter. Final inspection (on tennis lights) brought up electrical items that needed to be corrected. Waiting for Final inspection.

**Other items not reasonably anticipated:**

A Situation - 3 men and 10 boys came to Pheasant Hill Park every Saturday (11-1:00pm) playing baseball.

**Member was checking what is policy to question - to monitor Field use - next agenda**

**Member - suggests signage is needed on fields - next agenda**

**Next meeting:** Monday, November 16, 2020 tentative meeting date

Motioned to adjourn by Ann Delaney seconded by Bob Phillips, passed unanimously; Recreation Commission October 19, 2020 meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Submitted by Sheila Moylan