

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Recreation board members present via Zoom webinar remote participation - Ann Delaney, 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 7:04 pm, November 16, 2020

Public Comment: none

Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of the October 19, 2020 minutes. Minutes as presented not approved. Rich Adams to amend minutes on Rink, approve after changes are done. Bob Phillips motioned to approve and Paul Tucceri seconded – approved
- b) Mitch Katzman motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Paul Tucceri seconded. Approved
- c) Rich Adams: **Monthly Report** - Rich will only have 4 people in Rec office at same time. Assistant Manager in aquatics - resigned and round 2 of applicants interviewed. Aquatics - reservations for pool use. Need extra staff (lifeguards) to disinfect and now have a new position (deck hands). 2 Deck hands were hired. Update on Pumpkin carving - event was successful - despite Blizzard the day before. Appreciated by town attendees. A member questioned why pool is still opened? Burden on financials and risk on indoor event. It was stated – Pool operating safely per guidelines. Rec to provide services to residents. Open because we can operate safely per guidelines. Pool Lap Swim is 90%+ utilized. Run efficiently by Sue Perry. Condition swim plus - intramural version of swim team - for practice and conditioning. no swim team and no travel for swim team - last year team was over 250. This year - condition swim (180) will be accommodated. Sue and Rich worked out a plan to 2-3 people in a lane. Managed so the swimmers are not in contact.

Commission Member reports:

- a) **Fields Policy**:
Signage on Fields and tennis courts: Tennis court - wording - courts are for tennis and priority for Westwood residents and their guests. Contact Westwood Rec for private tennis lessons and court reservations. Suggested to visit other towns and provide photos of field signages already displayed at other towns.

The question was asked - what is Rec doing with outside teams on permits for COVID guidance?

It was confirmed - on all submitted permits – received State guidance and are required to follow as a condition of permit

Director/Staff Report:

- a) **FY 2021-2025 Capital Project requests**:
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 - Pool Deck resurface, Drainage & Refurbishing & Storage - moved to FY2022.
 - Storage moved to behind Multi-Purpose

- Tennis court - repurposing to Pickleball - after Elementary School Location proposal is finalized
- Downey tennis courts - easily to reline with pickle ball. Switch nets - retractable nets.
- Rich has spoken to a Westwood resident, who is interested in Pickleball. Resident was looking at Downey regarding measurements etc. Wimbledon has a perfect example of tennis court and pickle ball on the same court - in different colors lined.
- Community Recreation Center - is a placeholder until Elementary proposal is finalized.

Member Suggestion: Change the title of Rec 2 (Page 5 of 14) to include Pickelball

b) **Summer Stats Report:**

- Stats Report from Summer - page 12 of 14 - Profitability is slightly higher than Rich expected. Sports programs were cancelled due to Covid.

c) **Facilities Updates: Pool HVAC**

- Pool HVAC project: difficulty on piece from unit to roof. Manufacturer made a mistake and both town hired and company engineers worked together on a fix. The fix – did not allow for negative pressure to be achieved in pool area. Engineers are trying to correct this. Pool manufacturer will correct this issue. Sue and Rich are working with company to get this fixed.

Other items not reasonably anticipated:

To discuss at next meeting - provide examples of town signages.

Sheila - Medfield

Paul - Needham

Next meeting: Monday, December 14, 2020 tentative meeting date

Motioned to adjourn by Paul Tucceri seconded by Mitch Katzman, passed unanimously; Recreation Commission November 16, 2020 meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Submitted by Sheila Moylan