

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Recreation board members present via Zoom webinar remote participate - Ann Delaney, Joyce Cannon, Sheila Moylan, Paul Tucceri, Mitch Katzman, Bob Phillips and Elizabeth 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 7:00 pm, February 22, 2021

Public Comment:

Alex Yale - 22 Hedgerow Lane - wants Pickle Ball courts at Downey School. Each tennis courts will give 2 Pickle ball courts.

Group of Westwood men play at Savage Rec Center in Norwood

Jason Denmark - 53 Highview St. supports Alex. Pickle ball is very popular and now at Kingsbury in Medfield and at Millis High School.

Kyle Dow - 29 Hedgerow Lane - supports Alex

Nick Mann - 28 Pheasant Hill - supports Alex

Peter Lutz - 132 Church St - supports Alex

Resurface courts to add colored lines @\$350 per court and looking for 4 courts - total is \$1,400
Purchase nets - \$250 per pickle ball court. Alex is looking for lines only and not nets.

Suggestion as an Agenda for March - will vote in March.

Consent Agenda:

- a) Motion to approve the consent agenda: Bob Phillips moved to approve the consent agenda, Joyce Cannon seconded. Passed unanimously.
- b) Motion to approve the minutes: Mitch Katzman moved to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes, Joyce Cannon seconded. Passed unanimously.
- c) Monthly Report – Wentworth Hall schedule to be completed by July 3 spaces for programming - Rec has 1st priority - rare running 2 programs at same time. There will be a large storage rooms to take down and store equipment.
Over January meeting with School Dept and Chris Coleman to get space in summer. - 2021 - summer camps will run from Thurston. Better than last year and have space at Deerfield. Thurston will allow for use of the high school pool.
Winter Programs -outside (Jan and Feb) 10 person class - 20 people in waitlist @ Westwood tennis courts.
Snowshoeing in Lowell Woods - well received.
Spring - Kelly got schedule for sports and field meeting has started. Additional challenge with High School and school sports.

Commission Member reports:

- a) **Examples of Town Signage** - Paul and Sheila to complete surrounding town signage by next meeting.
Tennis courts signage - conversation with Chris Coleman. Preference for Westwood residents - could be conflicts. If not Westwood resident - fear of confrontations. Time restrictions - suggested 1 hour.
Paul looked in Needham - signs for Covid and distancing. Tennis court at high school - need badge to play on court.
Recommendation: Update signage on tennis courts - limit 1 hour of playing if others are waiting. Add this to Downey courts as well.
Paul shared signs from Needham.
Rich will look into signage for Covid and check with Ken Aries on fields with schools.
- b) **Netting around Baseball Fields** - Rich spoke to Chris Coleman
Athletic Director at Xaverian Bros - Rich is meeting with him next week.
Rich contacted the company on the netting and waiting to hear back.
Recommendation - we will look into this and review with department heads - ie DPW - Schools - Baseball and Softball.
Matt Gillis - is for project. No research was done in the past.

Director/Staff Report:

- a) **Town Report:** Town Report - add a 1 off program - from Kelly and Joe.
Send comments to Ann and Rich by next week
Bob - due to restrictions summer camp - we were able to have 1295 participants in programs
Final draft for next meeting to approve
- b) **Spring and Summer brochure:** Spring Summer brochure has been updated. Sent out later than usual it is online now in website. Spring on March 5th - brochure to be at homes before they go to register.
- c) **Events:**
- WWD - Sept 25 2021 - Westwood Day - 6-8 months planning. Hoping Covid will not stop event. Concessions for social distancing and safety. Meeting monthly until Westwood Day.
- d) **Facilities Updates:**
- Pool HVAC - Brought in an engineer to examine issues. He agreed with approach proposed by manufacturer. There is a duct that has collapsed, independent from issue above, but may be contributing to issue.

Other items not reasonably anticipated: None

Next meeting: Monday, March 15, 2021 tentative meeting date

Motioned to adjourn by Mitch Katzman seconded by Paul Tucceri, passed unanimously; Recreation Commission February 22, 2021 meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Submitted by Sheila Moylan