

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 15, 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 7:02 pm, March 15, 2021

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

- a) Motion to approve the consent agenda: Joyce Cannon moved to approve the consent agenda, Mitch Katzman seconded. Passed unanimously.
- b) Motion to approve the minutes: Paul Tucceri moved to amend the February 22, 2021 minutes to add Elizabeth Phillips to members present, Mitch Katzman seconded. Once Amended the February Minutes are approved.
- c) **Monthly Report** – Posted summer jobs and filling positions for summer.
Fields – Will be open soon. Should be around April 1st.
Will be offering a full summer schedule for campers and rec programs
Sent out offer for an Aquatic specialist – waiting to hear if the person will accept.
Met with First Parish - for summer space.
Rich met with Fin Com with Sue Perry to review budget. Fin Com was interested in hearing about how we were able to service the public by modifying our operations to deal with Covid. Emphasis this year was ability to service community rather than actual budget numbers.

Commission Member reports:

- a) **Netting around Baseball Fields** – Rich met with Xaverian to view their baseball field and their protective netting. – also contacted the company who Xaverian used to set up netting. Awaiting a return call. Rich to follow-up

Director/Staff Report:

- a) **2020 Town Report**: Town Report - No comments on page 5 - to approve Annual Report
Motion to approve - Mitch Katzman and seconded by Elizabeth Phillips - unanimously approved
- b) **Pickle Ball Lines at Downey**: Pickle ball lines at Downey - \$1,400 (\$350 per court) for lines - from fields revolving fund. Commission member - not able to play unless you come with nets. Need public access to nets. 2 or 4 nets - pickle ball. Suggestion to have storage and access for nets. - purchase (3) pickle ball nets and store at office.
Motion to move forward with painting lines (1 tennis court – two pickleball courts) and supplying nets in storage. Net to be kept at Rec Office. Rich to work with team to determine how to manage the loaning of the nets to the public.
Vote - Lining 1 tennis court - 2 pickle ball courts and 3 nets and store at Rec Dept (to distribute to public thru rec dept) at Downey
Motion to approve by Ann Delaney and Bob Phillips seconded Approved - passed unanimously.

c) **Spring Registration Update:**

- March 5th - Spring registration opened, Historical average 900 - \$85,000, over 1200 - \$112,000 (30% increase).
- Demand for private tennis lessons vastly exceed our ability to meet that demand. The Rec Dept. is looking to add another pro - for another tennis instructor - program supports 2 tennis pros.
- Now - 10 people per class - hoping for more people in classes; waitlists - contractors added more space - 200 more spots. Will continue to add more program spots into spring where possible.
- During Spring registration some patrons reported performance issue on Sportsman software - spiral and nothing was happening. Rich spoke to CEO of Sportsman to ensure same issue did not occur for summer registration. Sportsman found the issues with coding and fixed items. Issue was resolved as no issues were reported for Summer registration.

d) **Events Update:**

- March into Summer: Page 6 - 2976 registered - \$593,000 – 90 more registrations than 2019 - record year Camp - 2 yrs ago - 2021 slightly lower – will most likely fill in and should be close to being full by the time programs start. Sports - is higher (almost double)

e) **Facilities/Fields Updates:**

- Pool HVAC - recommended modifications were completed and we are now working with balancer to fix to determine if the proper pressure has been attained in the natatorium.
- Fields – Signage was removed from the Agenda this month. Will be added to next month's Agenda.

Other items not reasonably anticipated: None

Next meeting: Monday, April 26, 2021 tentative meeting date

Motioned to adjourn by Paul Tucceri, seconded by Bob Phillips, passed unanimously; Recreation Commission March 15, 2021 meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Submitted by Sheila Moylan