



TOWN OF NORWELL RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 10th, 2022 7:00 pm (Town Hall, Lower Level)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christopher Madden, Chair (At-Large)
Andrea Warren, Member (At-Large)
Christine White, Member (At-Large)
Patrick Kelly, Member (At-Large)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Shana Hallman, Member (At-Large)

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: George Grey, (Recreation Superintendent)

Agenda

Chair Madden moved to start the meeting at 7:17 pm. The motion was approved 3-0

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None at this time.

Expenditures

Vouchers provided at the time of the meeting were all signed.

Discussion

The meeting was opened by the commission recognizing Patrick Kelly as a (non-alternate) Member of the Recreation Commission following his appointment on 6/22/2022 by the Select Board. William Lazzaro, who had served on the Recreation Commission and as the Pathways Committee Member, stepped down from the commission in late Spring. Superintendent Grey announced that the Summer Program exceeded pre-pandemic numbers for participants. He also sees some room for further growth by expanding programs further such as Kid Scene and Summer Scene, though Summer Scene can be constrained by bussing. Staffing levels would need to increase and Summer vacations by staff does impact the number of program participants/ program. Additionally, running Summer programs in non-air conditioned spaces such as schools limits the size of groups in certain spaces. Superintendent Grey notes that the Fall Program Brochure is going out in the mail at the end of the week on or about August 12th. Fall program registration will open on August 31st, 2022. Under the Recreation Facility Use, Field & Property Progress topic, Superintendent Grey shared that the Gaffield Parking Lot project is 100% done. The commission discussed putting together a CPC application for funding work around improving the 'landing zone' at the entrance of the park for a small performance area. It was noted that the CPC deadline for submittals this year is 10/14/2022. Superintendent Grey said that the Osborne Field Study would begin soon with Gale Assoc. and Highway Surveyor Ferguson assisting. He also offered to share the draft of the RFP with the commission for the High School Front Fields. Finally, Superintendent Grey stated that he was informed that Sparrell Gym would once again be

unavailable for Fall/ Winter Programs as it has been since the start of the pandemic due to its use as a school storage space. There appears to be no plan in place by the school to return this space, historically utilized between November and March for indoor program space, to a useable state.

Other Business

Superintendent Grey has an RFP drafted for the combined Community COA/ Recreation Center to share and mentioned that COA Director Curtin was working on a separate project for a Needs Assessment through UMASS Boston. Planning for Fundraising/Sponsorship Event Ownership led members of the commission to volunteer to take ownership for each event type. Chair Madden will continue to lead fundraising efforts for the 2023 Fishing Derby. Member Kelly volunteered to take the point on fundraising for the (2 or 3) Community Movie Nights in Summer 2023. Superintendent Grey will continue to manage fundraising and distribution of Summer Rec. Program Scholarships in 2023. Some specific dates and planning were requested by Superintendent Grey prior to the Summer Registration Brochure being published in April, will need dates, locations and plans for the Movie Nights. Similarly, the commission will need to agree on a date and format for this year's Fishing Derby prior to the Spring brochure going out.

Some discussion regarding the St. Helen's Property, the town's interest in the property and how that property could be utilized to increase the Recreation Department's ability to provide quality space and/ or facilities for programs in the future occurred at the end of the meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Wednesday September 14th, 2022 (7:00 pm)

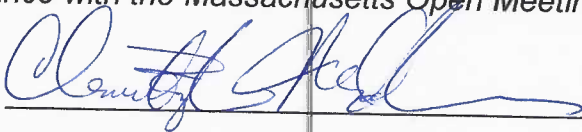
Wednesday October 12th, 2022 (7:00 pm)

Adjournment

Chair Madden moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. The motion was approved 4-0

These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes by the Norwell Recreation Commission at a public meeting duly noticed and held on 12/21/2022, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed: _____



Committee Clerk

Date: 12/21/2022

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