

Recreation Commission: January 26, 2021

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Meeting began at 6:05pm

Recreation Commission: Drew McMorrow, Mark Spears, Amy Smack, Courtney Bittelari, Lynette Kelleher, Holly Mansfield

Mosquito: Lara Lofdahl

Agenda Topics:

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from 12/21/20
 - a. Amy made a few minor changes to the meeting minutes.
 - b. *Motion: Amy made the motion to accept the December 21, 2020 meeting minutes. Courtney seconded. All in favor: Yes*
2. Public Correspondence
 - a. Phil Gibson, President of CCYBS joined the meeting to discuss some thoughts on field improvements at Banta Davis.
 - b. Phil is currently a Concord resident but is moving to Carlisle in April.
 - c. Phil mentioned that the lower field at BD needs more water, backstop padding, screens/nets and possibly a batting cage. The field on upper BD could benefit from installing a scoreboard.
 - i. RecCom is currently discussing these topics and will work together with CCYBS to develop plan to meet these needs.
 - ii. A solar powered scoreboard is approximately \$10-12,000 and a traditional scoreboard is approximately \$6-7,000.
 - iii. CCYBS would be open to partnering for project contributions.
3. Liaison Reports
 - a. Finance Committee: Drew is meeting with FinCom this week to review. Last year RecCom submitted a 2-year budget. No changes have been made.
 - b. Open Space and Recreation: Amy and Holly met to review and update the ADA section of the plan. There were not a lot of changes, but we did go through the process and make changes where applicable.
 - i. Amy updated the ADA section for the school.
 - ii. Amy is currently looking to find someone with a disability to assist with the evaluation of facilities as there are quite a few properties that need to be evaluated. This is the last piece of the recreation section, so we are making good progress.
 - c. Master Planning Committee: The group is starting to meet again but nothing new to report.
 - d. Council on Aging: Nothing to report currently.
 - e. Community Preservation Committee: Nothing to report currently.
4. Programs Update
 - a. Holly is regularly adding new programs both online and outdoors.
 - i. The outdoor programs are reaching the minimum number of participants to run the programs and often times are full and have waitlists.
 - ii. Holly partners with the surrounding towns for online programs. The benefit of online programs is that the program will run even with just one child registered since all the towns are working together.
 - b. Holly is looking to schedule all classes outdoors this spring and summer and is looking into the cost to rent tents and/or purchase tents.

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- i. Holly did speak with Patrick from Skyline Tent Rentals to request a quote for 4 tents for Summer Fun. The quote came in at \$5,900.
 - ii. Holly also looked at Amazon to purchase 10x20 tents. The cost of these tents starts at \$200 each. These tents, although not as sturdy, come in a storage bag and could be stored in the Brick Building.
 - iii. Drew mentioned contacting American Tent Company to get some quotes to purchase a tent.
 1. The issue with purchasing a tent of higher quality is where to store it.
 - iv. The Police Department also purchased a tent for COVID vaccinations. Holly will talk with John Fisher about the possibility of using this tent for summer fun.
5. Brick Building
 - a. Holly received a quote to replace the bathroom fixtures in the Brick Building. Foster Plumbing quotes \$4315.00. This fee includes the removal of the current fixtures, new accessible fixtures, permits and labor.
 - b. Prior to approving this project, RecCom suggested at the last meeting that Holly talk with Jim O'Shea about extending our current contract from 3 years to 5 years.
 - i. Holly did talk with Jim and he was extremely supportive in offering Recreation a 5-year contract for the use the Brick Building.
 1. Jim also received the support of this agreement from the School Committee.
 - c. *Motion: Courtney made the motion to authorize \$4315.00 from the Revolving Account for the replacement of the bathroom fixtures in the Brick Building. Amy seconded. All in favor: Yes*
6. Skating Rink
 - a. People are currently skating on the Cranberry Bog. Anyone skating on the Bog is skating at their "own risk". Recreation is not supporting or encouraging skating at the Cranberry Bog.
 - b. Amy and Holly were preparing to meet with the Conservation Commission to discuss skating on the bog. However, after researching proper maintenance of skating areas on natural bodies of water, we learned that this really requires a level of management that RecCom is not able to support at this time.
 - i. RecCom would need to hire a landscaping company to manage the area, test the ice, clear off snow, and make sure the area is clear of any equipment that may be left on the ice.
 - ii. We could not guarantee safe skating on the bog without proper maintenance and monitoring.
 - c. Going forward, RecCom could secure a plan to safely monitor skating at the Cranberry Bog and then present to the Conservation Commission for next year.
7. Irrigation System
 - a. In the spring the watering cycle will be reversed. The little league field on lower Banta Davis will be watered first and the last cycle will be on the soccer field. We will also monitor what happens during the last cycle and watch the water level in the irrigation pond.
 - b. The goal is to install the wireless system this spring. The funds have been approved for FY21.
 - c. Holly will organize a zoom call with Drew, Mark, Michael Hightower, and Ben Lawhorn to get the plan in place to install the wireless system.
8. Dog Park
 - a. The revised application has not yet been submitted. Holly will email Drew the suggestions from Kate Dumeer from the Stanton Foundation.
9. Spalding Project
 - a. Drew is looking for a third Landscape Engineering company to bid on the project.
10. Other Business
 - a. No new business to report.

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Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:20PM