

RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2021

7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Present: Nancy Corcoran, Commissioner; Chris Hardy, Commissioner; Hema Santhanakrishnan, Commissioner; Joe Will, Commissioner; David Martin, Select Board Liaison; Melissa Rier, Recreation Director, Paul Malchodi, FBRRT. Absent: Steve Trimble, Commissioner.

Opening: Chris Hardy opened the meeting at 7:04 PM.

I. Regular Business

A. Review of meeting minutes from June minutes - Joe moved to accept minutes, seconded by Hema; passed 4:0.

B. Citizen's Concerns

None

C. Reports:

1. Fields and Facilities

Rental facilities are mostly booked for the season. Pump Track is officially open to for public use.

2. Rail Trails

BFRT – In terms of keeping walkers safe where the BFRT meets the NARA walking path, Tom Tidman had suggested separating the 12' trail by painting and providing some type of markings on the path; walking side = 5'; riding side = 7'.

Joe made the motion to accept the suggested walking and riding paths, Nancy seconded.

Later on in the discussion, Paul Malchodi suggested a site walk with Melissa and Tom to talk about the separation on the trail. The motion is now contingent on the conclusion from the site walk.

3. Events – Recreation events are running from July 23rd until the end of October.

Melissa had asked if any commissioners would be interested in volunteering at the different events. July 4th was cancelled due funding.

4. Community Preservation Committee

a.) NARA Sports Pavilion

The architect is currently putting together the bid documents. Once those are completed, the project will go out to bid for construction of the interior of the south building.

b.) Jones Playground Renovation

Jones will be going through more renovations throughout the summer; planting shade trees, ADA walkway, volleyball courts, and more. The pouring of the extending rubber surfacing will be completed by the end of summer.

c.) Gardner Playground Renovation

Combined money from state funding, CPA funding, and donations to the Friends of Gardner Field is just under \$300,000.

II. New/Special Business

A. Open Space and Recreation Plan

No updates.

III. Consent Items

A. Recreation Commission Job Description – Once the charter is edited by the Recreation Commission, it needs to be sent to the Select Board for approval.

IV. Upcoming Recreation Commission Meetings

Dates:

September 7, 2021

October 5, 2021

Time / Location:

7:00 PM / Zoom

Notes:

August meeting cancelled.

Meeting Closed at: 8:02 PM

Motioned to close by Joe, 2nd by Hema; - unanimous 4:0.