

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2021

7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Present: Nancy Corcoran, Commissioner; Chris Hardy, Commissioner; Hema Santhanakrishnan, Commissioner; Steve Trimble, Commissioner; Joe Will, Commissioner; Melissa Rier, Recreation Director; Jeff Bergart, Citizen.

Opening: Steve Trimble opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

### I. Regular Business

A. Review of meeting minutes from May- Minutes passed, 5:0.

### B. Citizen's Concerns

Chris Hardy reported about the citizen group presenting to the Select Board on the Acton Community Center project.

### C. Adult/Senior Playground - presented by Jeff Bergart

The discussion entailed looking into a feasibility study for a senior playground. The concept is creating a space for seniors to socialize and exercise outside together. Jeff is looking for an area that has access to bathrooms and is looking at various recreational facilities around Town to add this new feature to.

### D. Reports:

#### 1. Fields and Facilities

NARA Park rental areas are almost completely booked for the entire summer.

#### 2. Rail Trails

Some residents have been asking if e-Bikes are allowed on the rail trails. The answer is yes they are allowed, but should be riding their bicycles at a reasonable speed.

#### 3. Events

All events, including Friday night concert series, movie nights, puppet show, and more have some ticket sales and the sales are increasing daily.

#### 4. Community Preservation Committee

##### a.) NARA Sports Pavilion

Tom Tidman is communicating with the architect who is currently putting together the bid documents for the interior design of the South Building. The funds will need to be approved at Town Meeting. The restrooms in the North Building are open for use.

##### b.) Jones Playground Renovation

Allied Paving proposed an estimate for a walkway into Jones Field. Donor bricks were ordered. The Commission on Disabilities allocated \$900 to purchase shade trees for the playground. The poured rubber surfacing will be installed after approval at Town Meeting.

c.) Gardner Playground Renovation

Friends of Gardner Field raised over \$75,000 through fundraising and donations. Other funding includes earmarked state funding of \$110,000 awarded to the Friends, \$40,000 awarded to Acton Recreation, and \$100,000 awarded from the CPC. Altogether, the two entities have over \$300,000 to spend on designing and renovating Gardner Field and Playground. At this time, the Friends group is discussing which playground equipment would fit the community's needs best.

II. New/Special Business

A. Election of Recreation Commission Chair and CPC Liaison

Stephen Trimble was nominated as the Recreation Commission chair and CPC Liaison. Nancy moved and Hema seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Recreation Director updates the Open Space and Recreation Plan every seven years. The Recreation Commission will be working with Melissa to update this book. This document is aimed to be completed by the end of 2021.

III. Consent Items

A. Recreation Commission Job Description

Melissa will distribute the job description with minor comments and a review will be had at the next meeting.

IV. Upcoming Recreation Commission Meetings

Dates:

July 6, 2021

August 3, 2021

September 7, 2021

At 7:00 PM

Meeting Closed at: 8:33pm

Moved to close by Joe, 2nd Hema - unanimous vote.