



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes January 27th, 2020

Present: Chris Fasciano, Annie Spieth, Doug Carson, John MacLachlan, Margit Griffith (Minutes)

Absent: Sarah Chester

Decisions:

Codman Pool Discussion: The committee discussed components of the plans submitted by architect Jennifer Brooks. It was determined that several key projects would significantly improve the Codman Pool experience. Each, alone, does not pose a financial strain, but batched or taken together, they are a more significant cost. The committee agreed to request funds from the Codman Trust. Dan will craft a proposal and send it to the committee for individual input.

Athletic Field Maintenance Contract: After reviewing the Field Maintenance Specifications for the 2020 calendar year, the committee approved the document as written.

Lincoln Youth Soccer Master Arrangement: The committee discussed the current contract with LYS which has been in place since 2013. Though PRD costs have increased, the fee has not in seven years. LYS is, above all, the biggest user of the fields, which is why there is a special agreement in the first place. The committee agreed that Dan and some committee members will speak with members of LYS about the possibility of increasing the fee beginning in 2021.

Summer Camp Financial Aid Policy: The committee reviewed the current policy (created in May 2017 and amended January 2019) and concluded that it is still valid.

2019 Annual Report Submission: Reviewed and approved.

Winter Carnival Weekend: The two Parks and Rec events need support and staffing...

Skating on Cemetery Pond - Dan and Doug will confirm safe ice conditions on Saturday morning.

Annie will collect wood for the campfire. If snow needs to be cleared, Dan can call on some interested residents for assistance.

Coffee House - Doug, Chris, John and Margit are all available to help set up. There will be no committee table this year.

Facilities: The director's report was used as the basis for the facilities discussion. Not much to discuss in the winter.

Programming: Laurie continues to do an excellent job of tracking down outstanding balances. David was pleased to share that NO PRD programs had to be canceled due to low enrollment. Youth Basketball is going well.

Two new events are in the planning stages... a "Summer Movie Night" at Pierce Park on July 21st is on the calendar and final details are being considered. A rain contingency plan will be developed. A "Shop Lincoln 2020" idea for December was well received.

FY20 Finances: As written in the director's report, due to small reductions in revenue in several areas, the PRD is now \$18,000 behind where it was last year at this time. Department turnover sheets were signed.

Committee Updates:

SBC: Chris reported bids are due in and the next few meetings will be sorting through those.

BPAC: Doug reported that plan for an "e-bike" demonstration event is being considered and preliminary plans are being made for it.

CPC: approved PRD's request for funds to support the Codman Field irrigation project up to \$315,000. Anything over that, the PRD must check-in with the CPC.

Other Topics: Margit wondered if the committee thought they might be willing to help organize a Pride Day event in Lincoln. June is Pride Month, but events happen at various times of the year. Dan and Margit will meet to talk more about this and think of area groups who may want to be part of the planning (First Parish, LSRHS LGBTQ group, CoA, etc).

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the December 2019 meeting were presented and approved.

Next Meeting: February 24th

Respectfully Submitted 1/27
Margit Griffith