



# TOWN OF LINCOLN

Middlesex County...Massachusetts

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE** **Minutes to VIRTUAL MEETING held May 21, 2020**

**Present:** Chris Fasciano, Sarah Chester (minutes), Margit Griffith, John MacLachlan, Anita Spieth, Dan Pereira, David Sequeira, Laurie Dumont

**Absent:** Doug Carson

**Guests:** Rob Stringer, Joe Columbo, Sarah Costa, Erin Dotson

**Decisions:** The committee unanimously and gratefully accepted anonymous donations to the Parks and Recreation Department (PRD).

#### **Discussion of facility reopenings:**

- **Parks.** Signage at each park states that Massachusetts Phase 1 regulations are in effect. It will be modified accordingly as the state progresses to Phase 2 and 3.
- **Office.** Staff schedule is following a phased opening, progressing to being open to the public anticipated June 15.
- **Tennis / Sport Courts.** The committee authorized the PRD to apply to the town public health task force for approval to open the tennis courts to members, following state regulations. Opening expected May 30. State and USTA restrictions will be in effect. The sport court is expected to open June 15, will follow state Phase 2 restrictions.
- **Codman Pool.** The staff has conducted extensive planning to follow state and federal guidelines and restrictions for facility use, capacity, and sanitation. Anticipated dates are June 27 to August 23. Staffing will be adjusted to reflect no group lessons. Memberships will be restricted to Lincoln residents (with request to the Board of Health to review health protocols around non-resident attendance). Reservations will be required to maintain reduced capacity and strict social distancing per Phase 2-3 guidelines. Swim team TBD per league voting May 22.
- **Athletic Fields.** Signage at each field reflect Phase 1 regulations. It will be modified accordingly as the state progresses to Phase 2 and 3. Wang Field plantings to be installed end of May.
- **Playgrounds.** Presently closed. Anticipated opening for Phase 2, following all state regulations.

#### **Discussion of summer program reopening:**

- **Summer Camp.** The camp survey distributed in March and April received a strong response (233), with the majority (55%) expressing interest to attend. As a result, the staff has conducted extensive planning to follow state and federal guidelines and restrictions for facility use, capacity, staffing, camper-to-counselor ratio, and sanitation. Anticipated dates are July 6 to August 14, 8:30am-3pm, staggered into 3-4 hour blocks by age group. Discussions are ongoing re whether to have 2- or 3-week sessions and what the pricing might be.

- **Public Events.** Memorial Day celebration will be virtual, published live on the PRD Facebook page. July 4<sup>th</sup> plans are for a virtual road race and a reverse parade, following state restrictions. Summer concerts are scheduled for four Wednesday nights through the summer, as allowed by state restrictions. Movie nights (Drive-in Theater, Movie in the Park) are being discussed, with possibly multiple groups coordinating and sponsoring.

**Minutes:** The minutes to April 6 and May 6 meetings were edited and approved.

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