



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes to VIRTUAL MEETING held on June 8, 2020 at 6pm

Attendance

Staff: Dan Pereira, David Sequeira, Laurie Dumont

Committee Members: Sarah Chester, Chris Fasciano (Chair), Margit Griffith (Minutes), John MacLachlan, Anita Spieth

Guests: Rob Stringer (public), Joe Columbo, Sarah Costa, and Erin Dotson (Summer Camp Directors)

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with roll call and review of virtual meeting guidelines.

Decisions

- **Alternative July 4th** plans were discussed, and the commissioners agreed the staff should proceed with planning 1. a virtual road race, 2. "reverse parade"

- Plans to offer a **drive-in movie** activity with the Rural Land Foundation and Real restaurant will, likewise, move forward

- **Birches school plans** for an addition were reviewed and discussed. As an abutter (Wang Field), the PRC was asked to vote to support the plans submitted. A roll-call vote was taken: Sarah Chester (seconded), yes; Annie Spieth (moved), yes; John MacLachlan, yes; Chris Fasciano, yes; Margit Griffith, abstained.

- The directors of the **Lincoln Summer Day Camp** presented their protocols and standards for opening camp in Phase 2 of Covid-19 reopening per Commonwealth of MA requirements. All protocols, plans and standards for LSDC were reviewed and discussed. In a roll-call vote, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Camp moving forward to seek Board of Health approval. Sarah Chester (moved), yes; Annie Spieth, yes; John MacLachlan, yes; Chris Fasciano, yes; Margit Griffith (seconded), yes.

Update on Facility Reopening

- **Parks:** parks and athletic fields are open for passive use with physical distancing and masks required; there are no permitted use of fields at this time (i.e. adult softball). There will likely be a significant shift in Phase 3.

- **Office:** the Parks and Rec office is now open again. Dan is full time, usually in the office. David is full time, part time in office and part time at the pool. Laurie is doing work from home and coming into the office as needed. Measures are being taken to augment physical distancing within the office. The office should be open to the public on June 22nd.

- **Tennis Courts:** are open. There is an evening cleaning service for the bathrooms and wiping down of gate handles. Singles games for which each player uses their own ball are going well. Doubles are still approved for within-family teams. This may prove a bit more challenging to enforce.

- **Codman Pool:** All summer pool staff paperwork has been received. There is no swim team, nor lessons. All returning guards and WSI will work at the pool this summer. The pools look good and are close to ready to swim. Several neighboring towns do not plan to open their pools. With 40% capacity (facility or bather load), David feels the Codman pool will be financially viable. June 19-21 is guard training; June 22-26 is summer staff training (camp and pool); June 27 is opening day (pool will close August 23). Parking will likely be near the new school trailers and along Ballfield Road, possibly in Hartwell.

- **Wang Field** has +/- \$12,000 of new plantings - mostly on the north side (for resident courtesy), and some on the south side (for ball containment).

- **Playgrounds:** Though playgrounds may open on Phase 2, PRD will continue to post "Use At Own Risk" signs as proper cleaning is unmanageable.

Discussion of Summer Program Reopening

- **Outdoor Fitness Programs:** there is interest in continuing with Pilates and Ultimate Fitness; possibly under the tent at Peirce House.

- Public Events

- *Kids' Triathlon:* the committee is discussing whether to hold a biathlon and/or a virtual biathlon and/or holding off until August. They intend to make it a free event... keep the momentum and hope for a full event next year.

- *Virtual Memorial Day:* went well. About 30 people joined live. Additional views after the fact. The video was sent to Cable Access... have not heard if it will be played.

- *Summer Concerts:* the first concert has been postponed. These concerts are a Phase 3 activity, so plans are being made with the hope the Commonwealth will move into Phase 3 at the end of June.

Minutes

- Minutes from May 21st meeting were unanimously approved in a roll-call vote. Chris Fasciano (moved), yes; Annie Spieth (seconded), yes; Sarah Chester, yes; John MacLachlan, yes; Margit Griffith, yes.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 15th, 7pm

Respectfully Submitted

Margit Griffith