

Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes for Meeting Held on May 24, 2021 at 7 pm
Virtual Meeting Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order
Suspending Certain Provisions of Open Meeting Law

Attendees: Brianna Doo, Rob Graves (joined approx.. 7:30), Margit Griffith, Ani Spieth (minutes), Rob Stringer

Absent: Sarah Chester

Staff: Jessica Downing, David Sequeira

I. Summer Camp Financial Aid: Summer camp financial aid was discussed, voted on, and approved in line with financial aid policies and late application policies.

II. FACILITIES

Sport Court: getting more use as weather improves. One section needs to be fixed and is expected to be fixed in the next week or two.

Tennis Courts: Irrigation systems malfunctioned, and dryer weather and heat (no rain) impacted quality of courts. School building project cut wires and demolished irrigations sytem ability to run. Only one of the two sets of courts is back and up and running in terms of irrigation, and both are not playable and need repair.

Playgrounds: Town meeting approved additional spending for school playgrounds.

Pool: Tiles in the tot pool perpetually have been falling off. Suggestion is to, at some point, carry the pebble service up to the top and take off the tiles all together. Shade structures will be replaced this week.

III. CAPITAL PROJECTS

Town Athletic Field Drainage Project: approved through CPC and will start after July 1.

Next Considerations:

- Committee is considering possible upgrades to the filter room structure. One solution is additional plantings or do something to change exterior appearance to make it more and put a fence around the dumpster, etc.
- Alternatively, could we do other upgrades at pool, whether additional paving or updating bathrooms. Is it possible to use solar heat to warm the pool?
- Some discussions of potentially creating pickle ball courts

IV. PROGRAMMING

Codman Pool:

- Swim team is around 80 signed-up kids, which will be intramural this year.
- Public swim lessons have not moved – very few signups. So we decided to move to private lessons instead.
- Also considering a time for senior swimmers and/or toddler swimmers.
- Otherwise, plan is to open pool fully to members (i.e. not with sign-up time slots we used last year).

Summer Camp:

- Enrollment is low for middle school section and we need to decide whether to proceed given low enrollment.
- Camp will take place entirely outdoors (barring extreme weather) and we will keep up to date with state masking orders.

Other Programming:

- 3 programs cancelled of all spring programming
- Good enrollment overall with many classes outside, particularly children's classes.
- Enrollment report reviewed

V. PUBLIC EVENTS

Memorial Day: Able to do Gold Star Family ceremony, traditional Memorial Day event, plus town barbeque.

4th of July:

- Can't have fireworks because of school building project.
- Still planning some events for road race, parade, etc., and contemplating other possible elements of 4th of July.

VI. FINANCES: reviewed

VII. OTHER UPDATES

- Reports from CPC and Building Committee reported above.
- BPAC: continuing with advisory shoulder planning; Walk, Bike, Roll to School Week a success.
- Next meeting currently set for June 21. Considering moving to June 14 due to last day of school on June 21. Will be confirmed.

MEETING ADJOURNED.