



Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes to Virtual Meeting Held on June 14, 2021

Staff: Jessica Downing, David Sequeira

Committee Members: Sarah Chester, Brianna Doo, Rob Graves, Margit Griffith, Anita Spieth (Chair), Rob Stringer (minutes)

Guests: none

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

Discussions/Decisions:

- none

Facilities:

- Sport Court: Patch didn't work. Hopefully will be fixed by summer camp in two weeks
- Fields:
 - o Codman: Byrnes coming out in next 1-2 weeks to work on pool area and softball playing field. Irrigation company still needs to come by and do testing and update.
 - o Town Office: Snapping turtle nested on field, but no actions need to be taken
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- Tennis: Rough start to the season. Irrigation up and running but sprayers not covering properly. Surface needs continuous work with mechanical issues and weather. Looking to consider updating 2 courts to Pickleball in 2023-2024. CPC OK with it as long as we don't extend the footprint. Community outreach needed.
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- Playgrounds: End of June we lose Smith School Playground
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- Codman Pool: Inspection on Monday. Shade structures almost complete. Baby pool top being re-tiled at a cost of \$3,800. Quoting on new cleaning company for nightly bathroom cleaning.

Programming:

- **Codman Pool:** Opening June 24th. 5-6 staff have been through lifeguard training. Swim team planning is underway. Camp and Magic Garden schedules are set. Parking will continue to be an issue this summer. There will be an emergency vehicle lane, and a handicap parking spot near the pool but there is no drop off area. Pool patrons will need to park at the mods or Hartwell

and walk. Through the woods the first week or so, then the bike/pedestrian path will open up to foot traffic. Solar panels being installed on Brooks lot ending before mid-July.

- **Summer Camp 2021:** Staff hired. Middle School Camp is going to happen. Tents are going up week of June 28th (approx.).
- **Spring Summer Programs:** Happy with Sky Hawks vendor. Everything is in good shape.
- **Enrollment reports:** Adult classes are lagging and need to be looked at. Consider moving from virtual model to in-person to bump up numbers. Be aware of potential virus surge in the fall.
- **Outstanding Balances:** in good shape
- **Public Events:**
 - o Memorial Day was a success with over 100 attendees. Got local news coverage.
 - o 4th of July –
 - Road race registration is open. 30 signups so far. Would be good to warn runners that road is open to vehicle traffic
 - Parade is a go (with kids bike parade as well)
 - Community Swim discussion – have a \$5 non-member, non-resident fee, capped at \$15 for a family. Plan to send invitations to all Lincoln School District families to attend community swim for free. Work with the district and/or PTO to make that happen.
 - o Summer Concert Series: Rob S. to make introductions between Jessica Downing and Jim Luchesse on future band booking.

Finances

- Review of April numbers, outstanding balances, and request to sign turn over sheets

Other Topics:

- CARAT Training. Jessica Downing and Laurie Dumont went to CARAT training and created an action plan to improve accessibility of the programs through marketing and re-imagining programming options.
- Committee Updates
 - o BPAC will help with 4ht of July kids bike parade
 - o CPC, No update
 - o SBC, no update
- Open Committee Comments
 - o Margit Griffith is member of the IDEA taskforce and will have updates in future meetings
 - o Fall Fest planning is underway. May combine with Trunk or Treat, may combine with Art and Crafts fair (Nov 4th weekend)

Previous Minutes:

- Minutes from the May 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved. All voting members voted in favor.
- Discussion was made on summer camp financial aid process for Boston resident school families. Tabled for future meeting.

Next meetings called will be in-person:
July 19th (tentative)

Aug 16th (tentative)

September 20th

October 18th

November 15th

Minutes submitted: RAS III