

# Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

## June 19, 2018

### ***In attendance:***

Commissioners: Todd Lindmark, Liza Carreiro, Brendan Carty, Mark Edwards, Will Rigdon,  
Recreation Director Ann Proto

Meeting called to order in Room G-7 at 6:35pm.

***Secretary Meeting Minutes:*** Todd L. moved to accept the April meeting minutes; all agreed and it was carried forward.

***Vouchers:*** Presented and signed.

### ***Financial Updates:***

- Fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>; expense and salary accounts will be fully spent, the Revolving account should and will be under \$10,000.

### ***Programming Updates:***

- Spring programs are going well
- Playground registration are at 208; last year's total 321 with about 100 that registered after playground started
- Summer staff hired; 18 playground counselors, but not all will be there each week, will average 15 counselors per week. Held a staff training session where many of the staff didn't know each other and only 1 counselor couldn't make it. The session was taught by Julio Santiago from Gorham, Maine and his staff for \$350; counselors were taught different types of games and crafts (slime/puffy paint) and also how to talk to parent, and what age appropriateness means and other fundamentals.
- Few programs off in numbers, such as Drama (although we have enough to run); Stop Motion Animation which is always full right away, first week running, second week no one registered yet. Some programs have a life cycle.
- New programs: Right Brain Curriculum (Business Shark/Writing), Magic Class are slow with registrations; Wicked Cool (Vet School/Rocketry), registrations doing well.
- Preschool programs: Fun in the Sun and 3, 4 Let's Play Some More are FULL with wait lists! Two new counselors have been added plus purchasing more crafts so attendance will total approx. 50 children per wk.
- Kathy McHale who is a Senior asked if help was needed for Recreation and she will be a greeter at the F/K School to help direct kids to their program classrooms.

### ***Field/Facilities Updates:***

- Below average rain fall since May and no wind the fields are DRY.
- There are some areas where the grass is brown indicating water is not reaching those spots. Irrigation system has been turned up at Pond St.; fields watered 25 min every day.
- Fields were seeded and fertilized in June for the first time.
- Limited field maintenance due to vacations needing to be taken by end of fiscal year (June)
- Irrigation is fed from well so water ban is not an issue

### ***Shade Structure:***

- Shade structure recently purchased for Gump's Playground is the same structure or better than the 5 structures already purchased around town and Bob B. is saying we need a building permit where the other structures already installed have not needed one. He goes on to say that the structure also needs to be installed by someone with a Construction Supervisors license. He also states the structure does not meet code for snow load and wind. Called manufacturer and asked if a permit has ever need to be pulled the answer was "no".
- Shade structure would never have been purchased if there was any thought it wouldn't make code or would need a permit; 5 structures purchased and installed without permits make precedence.
- As of now Shade structure is on hold.

### ***Irrigation/Well:***

- Todd offered to help with RFP for Irrigation well; we do have one 35 page RFP for a well

**CPC Updates:**

- CPC met on June 5<sup>th</sup> and discussed Pondville Rail Trail, looking to install a rail trail on the old Pondville line which stretched from Wrentham to Walpole; starting behind the Pondville Cemetery then crossover Rt. 115 up to the beginning of Walpole Town line.
- 4 parcels of land will need to be pieced together; Caritas-hospital lot (possibly land donated); Hill St. off of Rt. 115, priced at \$199,000 and owned by Mary G. (Will suggested naming Rail trail after her and land may be donated as well); the other 2 parcels are along the Wrentham area and working on who owns parcels.
- Having site walk on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Will's concern is too many parcels of land that don't connect.
- CPC Committee asked about well at F/K and Will stated "no update".

**New Business:**

- Ann passed out letter submitted by a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student asking about installing solar light on fields at Pond St.
- The board reviewed different options and is open for the student to put a presentation together on this topic.

Before meeting adjourned, Eric D. (visitor) had a few questions for the board:

- Why meeting no longer televised? Meetings are recorded and minutes posted on-line; previous board member made others uncomfortable; hard on NCTV to come and record meeting.
- Acquiring additional acreage at Pond St.? Explained about Master Plan, installation of 50'X70' field for baseball, football no longer is using fields and Recreation wants to make sure the 5 acres the state is giving us is all usable land and not wetlands and will utilize our space requirements and evaluate if additional acreage is necessary.
- Eric D offered to update the field allocation maps showing the fields at Pond St. and F/K School and bring it up to scale; Ann agreed and asked Eric to send her an email.
- Status of camera due to vandalism? Security camera too costly, over \$10,000 and no grant; not much vandalism in town.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Room G-7

The meeting was motioned/seconded to adjourn and agreed unanimously at 7:27pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy O'Brien

**Clerk's Signature:**



Liza Carreiro