

# Town of Westborough Recreation Department

## Recreation Commission

**Date:** Tuesday, December 7th 2021

**Location:** Forbes Building, Room 207

**Convened:** 6:32 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 6:56 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Recreation Director Jenn Kirkland, Program Coordinator Josh Aponte, Bill Clausen, Colleen Dowd, Katie Welch & Administrative Assistant Grethel Guzman-Ruck.

**Committee Member Absent:** Commission Chair Earl Storey, Finance Committee Liaison Andrew Bradley, Golf Course Manager Matt Griffith, Brian Kane, Bethany Travis

### **Golf Course Update**

Is the Golf Course open?

Katie suggested that it is fine to have the golf course open although we do not and should not have the golf carts in use. Katie also remarked that Matt has placed temporary greens in the past during the winter season. Jenn noted that the golf course is closed but it does open up sporadically because of the inconsistent weather we have been experiencing (some days are cold and some are warm). Jenn proposed making Facebook posts letting residents know whether or not the course is open. She also mentioned that Matt will still be working his hours but otherwise, he does not see the golf course busy enough to require regular staff.

Colleen did ask about the liquor license for the golf course and Jenn said that it would only be valid through the end of the calendar year, which we are in already.

Jenn, Kim, Kristy, and Leah had a meeting. We moved up in merchandizing and did so well that we might not have to ask the town for money.

### **Rec Staff Update – Meet Josh, The New Program Coordinator**

Josh Aponte will be our new program coordinator. He has experience in recreation at Hudson and is a Hudson native.

### **Recreation Basketball Discussion**

Jenn mentioned that there are 586 kids, from Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, signed up for basketball. High school has 14 teams (2 less than last year) which is still good. Middle school teams will start after new years.

### **Facilities Update**

Fields are closed; we have already begun winterization. We are leaving Pickle ball and Tennis open. Rogers Field is on a flood plain so the field is soggy and there may be a meeting with Earl, Josh, Jenn, and Conservation to see how to nurture and protect that field.

## **Approve Minutes**

Bill made the motion to approve the minutes at 6:44 pm and Colleen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

## **New Business**

The holiday stroll (also known as: the light parade) was a success. We had 8-10 vehicles and 40 businesses participate.

Colleen is a liaison to the CPA committee and suggested having a meeting with CPA to talk about what they do and how they could collaborate with us.

## **Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.**

Colleen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm and Bill seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Rec. Commission approved on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grethel Guzman-Ruck