

Town of Westborough Recreation Department

Recreation Commission

Date: Tuesday, June 7th, 2022

Location: Forbes Building, Room #207

Convened: 6:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:38 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Recreation Director Jennifer Kirkland, Program Coordinator Josh Aponte, Commission Chair Earl Storey, Golf Course Manager Matt Griffith, Bethany Travis, Bill Clausen, Brian Kane, and Administrative Assistant Grethel Guzman-Ruck.

Committee Members Absent: Finance Committee Liaison Andrew Bradley, Liaison to the Community Preservation Act Exploratory Committee Colleen Dowd, and Katie Welch.

Approve Minutes: April 26th

Bill made the motion to approve the minutes from April 26th and Earl seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes from April 26th were approved.

Golf Course Update

The golf course has been busy and revenue is looking good. Matt also stated that the field is in unbelievable condition. Bill asked about the numbers and ratios of resident versus non-resident golfers. Matt said that he should have a better grasp of the numbers at the end of the year with more data. Bill also inquired about selling items for the holiday season from the golf course. Matt agreed with the idea and added in his thoughts about doing something at the golf course for Father's Day and setting up an online store as well. The Commission also briefly discussed the end of the lease for the section that is currently the Civic Kitchen Restaurant and the hopes for a restaurant that caters more to the golfers and golfing atmosphere.

Program Update

Sports camps will be starting soon and we are still working through finishing all applications.

Lake Chauncey Discussion/Potential Vote

We do not have enough lifeguards or staff to open the lake this year. The question is what we will have to do with the gate, leaving it open or closed. We will have signs saying to "swim at your own risk" because of our lack of staff but that may require the gates to be closed. If we leave the gates open, which will have to be open throughout the night as well, that may entice vandalism. The question also came about how to enforce the beach being closed and how will we be going about removing people who may trespass when the beach is closed. It was suggested perhaps opening Lake Chauncey during recreation business hours. After discussion about fully

closing the beach or having it completely open at all times, the commission came to a vote. Bethany made the motion to have Lake Chauncey open only during recreation business hours. She expressed the position that it is not the recreation commission's responsibility to enforce removal of anyone from the beach after hours while the gate is closed. This decision is subject to change by the recreation commission. Bill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ARPA Project Update

We are moving through the process of having a splash pad with the help of ARPA funding. Splash pads are very customizable so prices can vary greatly. Jenn is working to have a quote for the select board next meeting.

Fields Update

The new Hennessy cricket pitch has been installed.

New Business

Bill suggested placing a variety of recreational games at or near the golf course. Josh added that this would be great since there is a restaurant already there and games like cornhole would pair well with this dynamic.

Next Meeting/Meeting Adjournment at 7:38 p.m.

Earl made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Brian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Rec. Commission approved these minutes on Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grethel Guzman-Ruck