**Town of Westborough Recreation Department**

**Recreation Commission**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 **Location:** Memorial Hall, Town Hall, 34 West Main St. Westborough, MA 01581

**Convened:** 6:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 7:28 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Beth Travis, Jennifer Kirkland, Matt Griffith, Joash Aponte, Bill Clausen, Brian Kane, Mike Wilsker, and Grethel Guzman-Ruck.

**Others Present:** Andrew Bradley

**Committee Members Absent:** Colleen Dowd and Katie Welch.

**Roundtable: Youth Forum**

No students showed up for the roundtable discussion.

**Town Meeting Warrant Articles || VOTE**

Jennifer went over the articles that will be voted on in the upcoming spring town meeting.

Bill made the motion to support articles 3, 4, 10, and 11. Beth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The Recreation Commission is in support of articles 3, 4, 10, and 11.

Beth made the motion to defeat article 39. Brian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The Recreation Commission voted to defeat articles 39.

**Throw Ball || VOTE**

There is a resident in town that would like to have a Throwball tournament in Westborough. The residents would not be collecting any revenue, nor will there be music nor food at the event. Because the residents will not be charging to play, they will not have the funds to pay the $250 fields fee at Rogers Field. The commission discussed. Beth made the motion to waive the fields fee for this tournament. Bill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The fields fee is waived for the Throwball tournament.

**Positive Coaching Alliance || VOTE**

Colleen did not attend this Recreation Commission Meeting but Jenn did explain that from what she has spoken to Colleen in passing, Positive Coaching Alliance is expensive.

**Financial Aid Form Discussion || VOTE || \*\*Jennifer Kirkland**

Jennifer introduced the new Financial Aid form. The first page is the policy and the second page is the form. We will require families to have a MyRec account when filling out this form because a lot of their information will be on their account. The form will ask for the annual income for the family. The first program will be reduced by 75% and any additional programs listed on the financial aid form will be reduced by 60%. Beth made the motion to approve the new Financial Aid form and Policy. Bill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The new Financial Aid form and policy was approved.

**Recreation: Updates to Include Winter Programs, Golf Course || \*\* Jennifer Kirkland and Matt Griffith**

Matt made a presentation for the commission. We lost 14 of the 16 weekends we were open to rain and had a total of 39 rain days. Matt also created a portal to pay for memberships online. We also have the capability to purchase gift cards online and our POS system is much faster than our previous system. We also made some course improvements to holes 5 and 7.

Next meeting, we may have a presentation about potentially placing a sports wall at Roger’s field. Brian Kane is our new Parks Leadmen. Basketball games for Elementary school grades are over and Middle and High School playoffs are next week. The Ski program has also been concluded.

**Community Center Updates || \*\*Jennifer Kirkland**

The potential closing date for the purchase of the new Community Center building has been pushed from March 15 to March 19.

**Approve Minutes: February 6, 2024 || VOTE**

Brian made the motion to approve the minutes from February 6, 2024. Bill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The minutes from February 6, 2024 were approved.

**Next Meeting: Memorial Hall, April 2, 2024**

Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Bill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Rec. Commission approved these minutes on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grethel Guzman-Ruck