**Town of Westborough Recreation Department**

**Recreation Commission**

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| **Date:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024  **Convened:** 6:37 p.m. | **Location:** Memorial Hall, Town Hall, 34 West Main St. Westborough, MA 01581 |
| **Adjourned:** 7:28 p.m. |  |

**Committee Members Present:** Jennifer Kirkland, Josh Aponte, Bill Clausen, Brian Kane, Katie Welch, and Grethel Guzman-Ruck.

**Others Present:** Andrew Bradley, Ian Johnson

**Committee Members Absent:** Chair Beth Travis, Matt Griffith, Mike Wilsker, and Colleen Dowd.

**Roundtable: Youth Forum**

No students showed up for the roundtable discussion.

**Sports Wall Presentation || \*\*Sean O’Dowd**

Sean O’Dowd made a presentation to the commission about the benefits of installing a Sports Wall in town. Having a Sports wall would create vertical field space and it can be used by various sports or individuals. The decibel reading for Sports wall usage is 70 decibels, unlike Pickleball courts which is 90 decibels. Locations proposed would be Hastings Elementary School, Roger’s Field, outside of our Community Center, or the Westborough High School. Turf would be the ideal surface around the Sports wall. The expected cost for this construction would be between fifty to sixty thousand dollars. Brian proposed perhaps adding netting next to the sports wall, as an extension, for softball practice as well. At the next Recreation Commission meeting, the commission will discuss the sports wall and possible locations further.

**Positive Coaching Alliance || \*\*Colleen Dowd**

Colleen was not able to attend the meeting. Grethel explained that the Positive Coaching alliance was not needed this year and that it is very expensive.

**Recreation: Updates to Include Summer Programs, Golf Course || \*\* Jennifer Kirkland**

The Golf Course looks great. Summer Programs begin on Monday, June 24. There is no lifeguard staff for Lake Chauncy this year. We were unable to get enough applicants with experience. We have around 400 registrations thus far for our summer-camp-style programs. The 4th of July Block Party will be held on Friday, June 28th.

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

We are working towards a move-in date.

**Approve Minutes: March 5, 2024 || VOTE**

Bill n made the motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2024. Brian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The minutes from March 5, 2024 were approved.

**Next Meeting: Memorial Hall, September 3, 2024**

Bill made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Katie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Rec. Commission approved these minutes on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grethel Guzman-Ruck