

**RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Greenfield Community Youth Center  
April 13, 2023 6pm

**ATTENDING:**

- Christy Moore, Donna DuSell, Heather Valenta, Danica Hochstetler, and Myrt Jaquay. Guests: Dan Piasecki.

**6:05pm CALL TO ORDER**

**6:06pm REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

- Myrt made a motion to accept the February 9, 2023 meeting minutes with no edits. Danica seconded. All voted in favor.

**6:08pm PUBLIC INPUT**

- Danica brings forward basketball team wanting uniforms. Wondering if costs could be fundraised. Christy says we can cost it out.
- Myrt brings forward public wants more pickle bar courts. Also people seeming to hog the courts. Wonder if we can have a rule sign.

**6:11pm RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**GRANT UPDATE:**

**MCC Festival Grant**

Department received \$2,500 for Winter Carnival Festival Grant from MCC.

**PROGRAMS UPDATES:**

**Youth Basketball Program:**

Basketball program – for 5/6 started this week with 9 kids with more anticipated to join next week. Had sweet positive feedback from social media about the program.

**GRASP:**

Happy to report that both GRASP Licenses' were renewed. Thanks to Kelly's hard work and laser focus on all regulation details. The department passed all protocols with zero non-compliances.

Department has two new Group Leaders who are great and the students are really enjoying them. Program is rounding the corner to the end of school!

**REC THE NIGHT Dodgeball:**

Shayla brought back the Middle School Program last week with 8 students' participating. It was very well received and we are looking forward to next month karaoke and dance party.

### **Staff Hiring Updates:**

In the process of hiring summer staff. Still need tennis instructor, skate board lesson instructor, a few more lifeguards along with gate and concession staff. Kelly is starting to schedule interviews but still need more applications. Returning staff hiring packets were mailed out and happy to report we have a high return rate this year.

### **Budget and Capital Updates:**

Shared copy of the operating budget.

Capital:

- Appropriate \$185,000 by transfer from Fund 8402 Capital Stabilization for Rocky Mountain/Highland Trail Way Finding Map Development.
- Appropriate \$80,000 by transfer from Free Cash for installation of Beacon Park Bocce Courts. Christy needs to find deed to this property. If CPC approves, but deed doesn't work then it would be gone if it is not in capitol.
- Sanderson street project should be complete before fireworks.
- River embankment money was pulled.

### **6:33p Old Business Updates:**

#### **Community Preservation Commission Updates:**

- Appropriate \$750 from CPA Reserved for Open Space to fund the Greenfield High School Track ADA Access.
- Appropriate \$75,500 from CPA Undesignated to fund the Beacon Park Improvements Project.
- Appropriate \$22,226.31 from CPA Undesignated to fund Citywide Outdoor Site Amenities.
- Appropriate \$15,000 from CPA Reserved for Open Space to fund the Highland Park Trail Restoration Project.
- Appropriate \$7,773.69 from CPA Reserved for Open Space and \$42,226.31 from CPA Undesignated (\$50,000 total) for the Greenfield Pickleball Court Expansion Project.
- Appropriate \$24,000 from CPA Reserved for Open Space to fund the Shattuck Park Fitness Cluster.

### **7:01pm New Business**

**Skate Park Updates** – construction is moving along at a fast pace. The rest of this month will be concrete work. Most of the slopes and features have been poured along with the color concrete. The green color was much harder to get than other colors but the contractor figured it out. Today the precast curbs were cemented into place except one section along Chapman Street as Artisan is still bringing equipment into the site from

there. Flat work in the skate park and footers and pad for the shelter and site amenities are left.

Coordination with the City and Mountain View for landscaping will occur in May. Poet Seat painting will happen in mid-May as the concrete needed to cure for 28-30 days. See photo. Still working on paint product.

There were two change orders that have completely depleted any contingency in the budget. Fingers crossed there are no other issues. Share budget.

\$16,000 change order because of drop on Davis street side. Had to fill with more rocks and concrete. Contingency money is now depleted.

Rules – review and vote. See attached

Myrt makes a motion to accept the skate park rules and regulations as written. Danica seconds. All in favor.

Donor acknowledgement plaque – review and recommend the style. Commission requested that the Christy secure a rock with a plaque engraved and mounted on the stone for the donors who have given the most. “In grateful appreciation for the contributors to the Skate Park”.

Grand Opening Updates – tentatively save June 21 as it is National Go Skate Day. Time frame would be 4-7pm with band and maybe DJ after, giveaways, food truck giveaway ice cream, giveaways, vendors, and just plain fun.

#### **7:08pm Summer 2023:**

##### **Spring and Summer Prep Updates:**

Have had multiple meetings with DPW to prepare the parks for opening. There is a lot of work to do at the river with clean up from the December flood. Christy is working very closely with Marlo on budgets to cover costs of sand, wood chips, stone dust, tree work, and hopefully replacement of freezer/refrigerators in concessions. Budgets are very slim with unknowns for FY24 until City Council passes our budgets. Dam boards expected to go in the end of April so we can test the first week in May for the special water tests required by the State.

##### **Camp and program registrations Updates:**

Camp is 50% full already for the summer with an increase of 20 camper slots. Other programs have steady enrollment. The phone and office are very busy.

**Fireworks Update:** –still waiting on sponsorships to come in. Christy is requesting Recreation Commissions help in securing sponsorships or donations either of which would be greatly appreciated. Reminder the goal is always to raise \$18,000 for the event.

**Corn Hole Update:**

- Danica shared that there are 6-8 teams signed up so far. Sponsors for lanes are done. Needs teams and prizes. Need someone for face painting, tattoos, and keeping kids entertained a little. Brewers ID and wristbands. Danica asked if Hawks and Reed is selling drinks can he just do mixed drinks to not undersell the vendors. Christy has confirmed a food truck with burgers and hot dogs will be there.

**Mutts & Mayhem Update:**

- Heather has lawn signs out through town. She purchase additional Facebook ads. To date, three participants have signed up so far. Christy will email last year's participants and promote on social media accounts as well. Vendors still rolling in.

**Future Agenda Items**

None at this time

**Next Meeting Date:** May 18th at 6pm

**Adjourn** –7:30 Motion made by: Donna

Seconded by: Danica

## Erin's Post



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I want to give a giant shout out to the recreation department but mostly the parents who have kids in the 5th and 6th grade drop in basketball. My 6th grader is my favorite youngest child and is also autistic and loves his autistic awesomeness like dancing on the basketball court and covering his ears when it's noisy or being annoyed that kids are trying to take the ball from one another rather than stand in a line and shoot in a very orderly manner 😊 To be fair, we've worked a ton on playing turn taking game and never taught him how to steal or intercept a ball 🤔🤔🤔

Anyway, this kiddo loves basketball and plays in the driveway a ton. He is really good at actually making baskets but he is not thrilled when others try and take the ball from him 😊

We've done sports before in other places and the kids/parents/coaches too often ignore kids who are different, or worse they try to drive them out of the sport.

Today we didn't see even an ounce of that from the kids, not once. They all picked up that he wasn't seeing things in the same way that they were pretty quickly. They didn't favor him, but they also didn't ignore him. More than once these kids who were between 10-12, saw he wanted to engage so they passed him the ball. They still played to win in basically a pick up game, but the coach only had to say a single time, "make sure everybody is included."

They didn't need reminded a second time.

Beyond that, the parents cheered for every single kid, no matter what jersey their kid was wearing, and they cheered for the kids that were struggling a little and made sure their kids were including the kids who were a little outside of the mean.

We are a former military family and we've literally lived all over the country. I know that greenfield isn't perfect and has tons of struggles. However, I can honestly say in over twenty years of living all over the country, I've never seen a community as a whole that is so kind and intentionally inclusive, to the point where their middle schoolers get it with little to no explanation.

You all, as parents and a community, are doing a good job. I am glad to be here

Shayla Demers and 72 others

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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Greenfield Recreation Department is to enrich the lives of the residents of Greenfield by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and cultural opportunities for people of all ages to play, learn, and build community. Community is created through people, parks, and programs. It is the vision of the Recreation Department to create a happy and healthy community where residents can live, learn, work, and play.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Broke ground on Greenfield's new skate park.
- Managed two Department of Early Education and Care licensed after-school programs at Federal Street School and Four Corners School, serving over 70 families.
- Hired, trained and supervised approximately 50 park and program staff.
- Recruited and supervised over 250 volunteers for programs and special events.
- Managed the Green River Swim Area through irregular weather patterns and flooding.
- Hosted 230 athletes at the Greenfield Triathlon.
- Organized a series of special events including: fireworks, Triathlon, Mutts and Mayhem, Movies in the Park, Community Safety Day, Downtown Halloween Celebration, Jinglefest Amazing Race, and Winter Carnival.
- Experienced record enrollment in youth sports programs.
- Secured Stanton Foundation Grant Funding for dog park capital improvements.

### GOALS

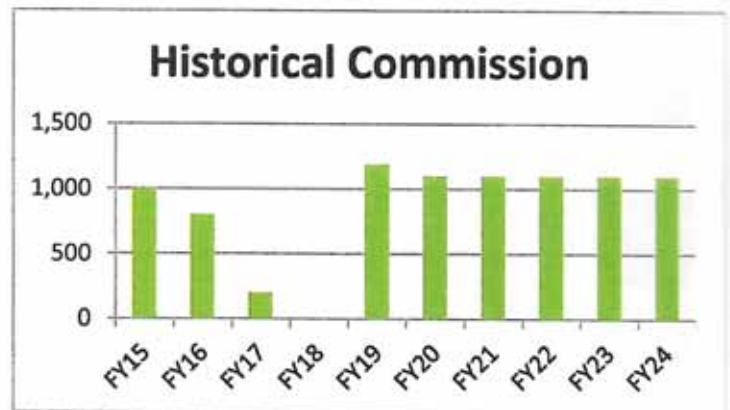
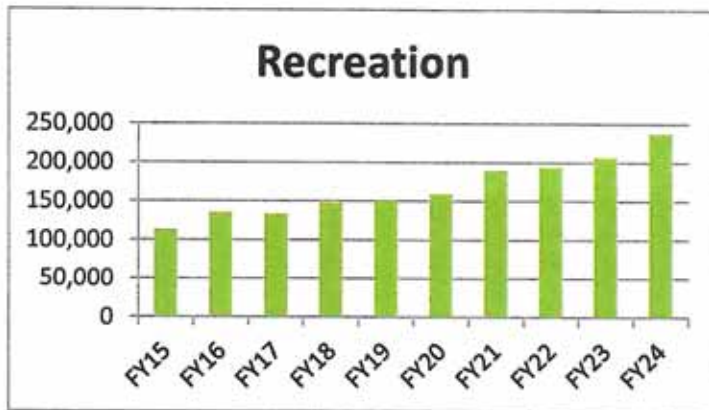
- Develop new skate park programming
- Design and construct approved capital projects: bocce courts, pickleball courts, Highland trail and map development, and Swim Area erosion control.
- Implement Community-Preservation-Committee-approved projects
- Launch the Teen Center at 20 Sanderson St.

### PERSONNEL DETAILS

The Recreation Department has 3.5 FTE and three people active.



		FY22 Actual	FY23 Adopted	FY23 Amended	FY24 Request	FY24 Mayor
<b>630 Recreation Department</b>						
01006300.5111	Perm Sal Wages Full Time	196,074	205,070	205,070	230,215	230,215
01006300.5112	Perm Sal Wages Part Time	0	0	0	0	0
01006300.5129	Longevity Pay	2,197	1,658	1,658	2,300	2,300
<b>Total Wages</b>		<b>198,272</b>	<b>206,728</b>	<b>206,728</b>	<b>232,515</b>	<b>232,515</b>
01006300.5200	Purchase of Services	0	0	0	4,600	4,600
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>4,600</b>
<b>Total Recreation Department</b>		<b>198,272</b>	<b>206,728</b>	<b>206,728</b>	<b>237,115</b>	<b>237,115</b>



### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In March of 1973, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40D §8D was accepted by Town Meeting, authorizing the establishment of a Historical Commission. In the law, the commission is charged with the preservation, protection, and development of the historical or archaeological assets of the city.

		FY22 Actual	FY23 Adopted	FY23 Amended	FY24 Request	FY24 Mayor
<b>660 Historical Commission</b>						
01006600.5200	Hist Comm Purch of Service	188	900	900	900	900
01006600.5421	Office Supplies	0	200	200	200	200
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>Total Historical Commission</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,100</b>



# GREENFIELD SKATE PARK

## Rules & Regulations



Welcome to the Greenfield Skate Park.  
Please respect all rules & regulations for a safe & enjoyable skate park.  
Thank you!

**USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!** This park is not supervised. This facility is used by both experienced and inexperienced users. Serious injury or death may result from being struck by another user's equipment, falling, or colliding. The City of Greenfield or its agents assumes no liability for injuries sustained in the use of this facility.

- This facility is for the enjoyment of skateboarders, scooters, roller skaters, in-line skaters, and bike riders (no metal pegs). Motorized vehicles and equipment are not permitted.
- The Park is open from Dawn to Dusk. The park will be closed in rain, ice, or other unsafe conditions. The City reserves the right to modify the hours of operation or close the facility for any reason, including normal maintenance and repairs, contracted functions, or as it otherwise deems necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.
- The use of protective equipment including helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards is strongly recommended.
- Guests under the age of 10 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.
- Use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal substances is prohibited.
- Glass containers are prohibited within the park.
- Profanity, threatening, bullying, or intimidating language or actions are prohibited.
- Graffiti, tagging, or defacing the park is not permitted.
- Additional ramps, jumps, or obstacles are prohibited within the park. Modifications to the surface or features are prohibited.
- Be respectful of other park users, keep music down, and use trash receptacles.
- Leashed pets are welcome, but are not allowed in the skating area. Please clean-up after them.

The City of Greenfield reserves the right to remove a participant/spectator from the park for violating any of the above rules or engaging in illegal, disruptive, destructive, or inappropriate behavior and to modify these rules as necessary to meet changing circumstances.

Report vandalism or park damage to Greenfield Recreation Department at (413)772-1553.  
In the event of an emergency, call 911 - the Skate Park is located at 71 Chapman Street.



The Greenfield Skate Park  
A cooperative project between the City of Greenfield,  
Greenfield Recreation Commission, and the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts PARC Grant Program.







# Skatepark Project Budget

## Project Costs

Survey/ Lawyer Costs	\$ 4,100.00
Electrical Conduit	\$ 1,705.47
Shelter	\$ 15,461.70
Pillar Designs- Design	\$ 68,025.00
Pillar Design- Const Admin Encumbered	\$ 13,200.00
Mountain View Landscapes	\$ 290,859.34
Mountain View Landscapes Encumbered	\$ 592,890.66
Mountain View Change Order 1	\$ 5,151.88
Mountain View Change Order 2	\$ 15,788.15
	<u>\$ 1,007,182.20</u>

## Funding Sources

Revolving Budget	\$ 21,267.17
PARC Grant Design	\$ 35,000.00
PARC Grant Construction	\$ 365,000.00
Capital Funds	\$ 350,000.00
ARPA Funds	\$ 200,000.00
Friends of Greenfield Recreation	\$ 35,915.03
	<u>\$ 1,007,182.20</u>

## Skate Park Donor Acknowledgement Plaque



In grateful appreciation for their contributions to the Skate Park

Lewis Scott

Greenfield Kiwanis Club

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June 21, 2023

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