

**RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Greenfield Community Youth Center  
May 18, 2023 6pm

**ATTENDING:**

- Christy Moore, Donna DuSell, Heather Valenta, Mary Phillips, and Myrt Jaquay. Guest: Dan Piasecki.

**6:09pm CALL TO ORDER**

**6:11pm REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

- None

**6:12pm PUBLIC INPUT**

- None

**6:14pm RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**PROGRAMS UPDATES:**

**GRASP Updates:**

In the final stretch to finish the school year. Department is still receiving new enrollment forms for students. Department lost on Group Leader this week but two of former college group leaders have returned.

**Tee Ball and Buddy Baseball Updates:**

Enrollment numbers are growing for both programs. Last week was the start of buddy baseball and it was such a moving experience for everyone! Department is happy to share that we received the Festival of Trees grant for \$2,500 for the Buddy Baseball program.

**CoRec Softball Updates:**

Games have started for the season – Shayla has done a great job communicating with the teams and organizing everything. This league can be a very overwhelming program to oversee but she is doing a wonderful job.

**Start Smart Baseball Update:**

The program has started and to date there are 18 families learning the basics of baseball. It is such an adorable program for children ages 3-5 years old.

### **Staff Hiring Updates:**

Still need tennis instructor, skate board lesson instructor, a few more lifeguards. Staff training is this Saturday. The department is in full summer mode.

### **Teen Center Coordinator Update:**

Happy to announce that department has officially hired our Teen Center Coordinator Benjamin Hernandez who started on Wednesday, May 17!

### **6:29pm Old Business Updates:**

- None

### **6:30pm New Business**

**Skate Park Updates** – construction is moving along at a fast pace. Today should be the last concrete pour and installation of site amenities. Landscaping needs to be finished and then site cleanup, mural, signs, inspections, and final punch list etc. Brad will be on site on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for his final CA Visit and walk through. Christy is waiting confirmation from the State for their visit and inspection. Once approved the contractor will remove construction fence and the site will be turned over to the City. This will be our soft opening for the community to use the park.

Christy will be meeting with DPW and dig safe to get permits to install park welcome signs on Chapman and Davis Streets. The construction fence should come down on the 25th. Christy asked the contractor to adjust the water fountain location to meet ADA requirements.

The Department and City will publish the opening as soon as we are certain the tentative timeline is on schedule. The official grand opening is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> on National Skate Day 4-7pm. Several local businesses have already approached the department about joining the celebration. After the construction is completely finished, Christy will schedule a meeting with businesses and our skate board group to finalize the grand opening details.

So far we have Big Destiny band and DJ confirmed, other ideas are food trucks giveaways ice cream, and just plain fun. Garden Cinema has giveaways and free soda for the event along with free popcorn and movie materials.

### **Swim Area Updates:**

Department is working very closely with DPW to prepare the site for opening. There have been several challenges to the season as always in preparation of opening. The department did overnight ship the special water test yesterday to Burlington, Vermont. The lab received it this morning and now we wait for the results. During this process, the drill for the dam boards burnt out so DPW is trying to find a replacement. The alarm pad is malfunctioning so Christy is trying to find a replacement one or she will need to replace the entire unit. She is still awaiting cost estimates.

However, onto wonderful news, the department's long awaited, brand new freezers and fridge have arrived! They are so beautiful! Christy cannot wait to fill them with ice cream! The Academy of Charlemont students will be on site at the swimming area tomorrow morning helping prepare for the park opening and the wood chip spreading.

Weekly testing with DPW and the outside lab will start next week. BOH inspected the swim area and concessions today. There are a few park items to address that we will get to before we open.

Comcast is installed and computers to be connected tomorrow. Pepsi cooler was delivered yesterday and product will start arriving in the next two weeks.

### **Special Event Updates:**

#### **Corn Hole**

- Danica and Mary – thank you for your organization of this event. We have \$951 from registration and raffles but have not coordinated with Donna yet to check other income. Any thoughts for changes for next year? I want to order a set of boards for Recreation Department! 18 teams signed up. Danica's challenge is to find a different app to help with scoring for next year.

**Fireworks Updates:** –sponsorships starting to come in. Any help in securing sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

#### **Mutts & Mayhem Updates:**

- Heather - 38 registered so far!
- Timeframe for setup: Saturday - 9am Sunday 8am. All commissioners seem to be able to help.

#### **7:04pm Open Discussion Park Updates Future Agenda Items**

Donna - Energy Park parking lot . The issue is the events coming up at the Energy Park with sharing parking spaces with the Methadone clinic. Parking enforcement should be notified. Christy directed to follow up with Dani.

Donna - Miller's Meadow, old Wedgewood Gardens. Greening Greenfield asked about being able to do things there as far as planting etc. goes. Wondering if they could take pavement out and put grass. Donna will be attending an upcoming meeting on this.

Christy shared that Wisty sent her an email about the mediation of knotweed at the pool. More to come.

Donna -Isaac Mass reached out the Greenfield Business Association about trying to update the seats and was seeking some help with funding it through grants. He could

set up a non profit project for the theater. Maybe department or Friends could help somehow? Add this to a future meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 15th at 6pm

**Adjourn** 7:23pm– Motion made by: Myrt                      Seconded by: Mary