

**Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2022**  
**6:00PM**

**Attending:** Christy Moore, Barbara Zaccheo, Donna DuSell, Heather Valenta, Myrt Jacquay, and Mary Phillips

**6:11pm Call to Order**

**6:12pm Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Barb had health concerns so didn't get to that last month. She will send with the February notes.

**6:13pm Public Input/Discussion**

- None

**6:14pm Director's Report**

**PARC Grant**

- The City's Procurement Officer and the City Attorney are reviewing the contract for the designer. Attorney Nate Tripp will be updating the City's deeds and recording the information with the Registry of Deeds. This is due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**GRASP- Greenfield After School Program**

- GRASP is still providing childcare at two sites- Four Corners Discovery School and Federal Street School. Next month, there will be a site visit with the Licensor on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Recreation Department will continue to work closely with the school staff at both sites and appreciate the collaborative effort to provide support for the students.

**Basketball**

- Basketball continues with a make up to be scheduled due to the recent snow day.

**Triathlon:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for 2/14/2022. Need to move forward with event updates on the website, sanctioning, sponsors, etc.

**Schools: Superintendent Christine DeBarge**

- Communicates regularly regarding any weather delays, early release or snow days. Christy greatly appreciates the communication. Great promotion of Winter Carnival through their schools newsletters too.

**Budget**

- Christy met with the Mayor and she was supportive however not sure due to overall budget concerns across the City.

## **6:22pm Old Business**

### **Winter Carnival 2022**

- A huge success – thank you to everyone who helped this past weekend.
- Donna had lots of fun at the Houdini movie- great turnout. Had a drink at burning barrels and ice bar downtown. Bitter cold weekend. Beacon Field was treacherous and had no falls thankfully. It was fun to participate in the chili cook off. Big crowds and lots of fun at canine keg pull. GBA member went into Plum- it was crowded and people were happy to explore the store. Main Street Bar and Grille was enthusiastic about his window display.
- Christy updated that rain and sleet before Winter Carnival made the ice rink difficult to use for ice hockey. Obviously, DPW was challenged to keep roads clear and didn't have time last weekend to maintain it. DPW has done a super job to maintain all other times this winter.
- Myrt- Kids loved the slide on the Town Common. He didn't mind being sure that cars didn't park in spaces for the parade.
- Mary- There were variable sizes of the Crock Pots so it was tough to taste all the chilis. Jason's speaker and microphone failed in the cold; however, GCTV helped out. A super smooth event on Sunday at Beacon Field.
- Heather- Great job to Christy announcing events. Photos on Facebook made the Race look like lots of fun. There was a line a few times for the port a potty- maybe rent one more for next time. Keg pull was very popular. A light was needed for the port-a-potty Friday night too.
- Christy- Most cookies ever this year in the bake off. It was funny that someone ate her thank you cookie. We had the most successful Parade of Lights even with the rain and poor weather. The Amazing Race by Loren was a huge success! Ice bar, slide, gold 100 on the Town Common, and Jonathan's video all turned out amazing- those were Christy's goals and she accomplished them. Christy needs a volunteer next time at Beacon Field on Sunday morning.

### **Open Discussion**

- Trails Update- Barb needs to follow up in regards to the trail concern.

## **6:41pm New Business**

### **Summer 2022**

#### **Events:**

- May 7<sup>th</sup>: Soapbox Derby – Donna updated on the deadline date and min # racers and volunteers. She also let the Commission know about Build Days behind Stephanie and Jim's office and in the office behind Donna's former office.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mutts and Mayhem – Heather is working on a list of sponsors to send to. Christy needs to review the letter.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Fireworks with July 5<sup>th</sup> Rain Date – Christy asked for new sponsor, vendor, and fundraising ideas. Commissioners are willing to collect in the street- roughly \$300-

600/year. Donna will work on the “Miss Firecracker” movie fundraiser in late June. Will Danica have time to organize a golf tournament? Mary could set up a Pushkin/Hawks and Reed wine tasting and vendor fair.

- August 7<sup>th</sup>: Triathlon – Christy provided updates during the Director's Report above. Chris Either is around to help this year and Christy is happy to have him involved again.

### **Confirming dates for:**

- Movies in the Park – Fridays @ Beacon Field. Kelly is starting to check on the availability of titles. Working on a sani can.
- Rec the Night – Loren is confirming dates and planning programs.
- Energy Park Concerts – working with Art Space for their strings program and will connect again with the COOP and Military Band.
- Camp Reunion – Kelly is reaching out to former staff and campers to make this happen this year.
- Bike Safety Day – thoughts on what to possibly combine with? Kiwanis is interested. Had low turnout last year.
- Criterion – they are interested in returning. Last time was in July – not sure what date yet.

### **Summer Camp**

- Will offer 8 weeks of camp for the summer. Many requests for early and late care so the Department plans on offering again. Will have three separate spaces as this worked well. Capacity will be 30 Sizzlers, 30 Discovery, 10 LIT. Hope to have a rain site at GMS again.

### **Swimming Area**

- Upcoming meeting to be scheduled to discuss water testing for the swim area with DPW and Health Dept. It seems certification of the lab is needed – more details to come after the meeting. It is a requirement to have weekly testing as you know. Christy will email Barb the name of the lab that Myrt found in Hatfield.

### **Open Discussion**

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- Mural at GCC Downtown- Christy be sure it's preserved when the building is sold
- CPA potential project suggestions
- Abercrombie Field and parking arrangements for baseball practices and games given new ownership of former Greenfield Center School and renovation/development
- North Severance Park: The Youth Football League has requested to use the park for practice. They would also like to place a shed on site for equipment. Sometime this spring, Jeff Bengston and I will meet on site to determine the best location for a temporary storage unit. Need to confirm location and size of unit.
- Abercrombie Field – Reminder – need to think about the parking arrangement before the spring.

- Christy will approach the Mayor about the Energy Park property boundary.
- Donna agreed to research the screening of movies at the Greenfield Garden Cinema as a future fundraiser for the Friends.
- Christy will check if a port a potty could be rented for the summer Beacon Field movies.
- Christy reach out to local manufacturers for donations for the robotics program.
- Parks tour for Commissioner
- Budget FY23
- Summer wage scale and positions (minimum wage goes up in January)

**Next Meeting Date:** March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**7:25pm Adjourn** – Motion made by: Mary                      Seconded by: Myrt  
All in favor.