

Recreation Commission Meeting

20 Sanderson Street City Offices and Greenfield Community Youth Center

May 16, 2024 6pm

Attending: Christy Moore, Danica Hochstetler, Dan Piasecki, Donna DuSell, Barb Nichols Zaccheo, and Myrtron Jaquay

6pm MEETING COMMENCEMENT

6:01pm REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- Heather's April minutes are with Christy for review and Barb's January meeting minutes are coming to Christy soon.

6:02pm PUBLIC INPUT

- Donna shared that Lois wants more handicap accessible and other Greenfield Fitness outdoor workout equipment (could be costly and has lots of moving parts). Christy's staff has spoken with her in the past and explained budgetary and maintenance concerns. It was suggested she check out Shattuck Fitness Cluster.

PROGRAM AND OFFICE UPDATES:

GREENFIELD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (GRASP):

- GRASP is moving along smoothly and winding down for this school year. Shayla has been amazing at covering Four Corners as the Site Coordinator is on vacation. Christy has only had to go over a few times for problem solving. There is one staff person who is back from college so she has been scheduled to work in GRASP as needed.
- Federal Street has added a new student and Four Corners had some schedule changes.
- Shayla has conquered the auto pays and invoicing. Hopefully the last one of the year!

REC ROOM:

- In the final stretch of the year, Ben has been receiving positive feedback about the program from families and also Mesa Verde's facebook page gave him accolades! He has 28 participants enrolled for the spring semester.

Summer Camp:

- Currently, there is space in every camp with sizzlers having the highest enrollment.

5th and 6th Grade Drop In Basketball:

- Basketball continues through June 5th!

Co Rec Softball:

- Games have started and Shayla is managing the league really well.

Rec the Night:

- Ben and Shayla just wrapped up the May 10th event. June 14th is Chalk Fest.

Buddy Baseball:

- So far, the season is going really well thanks to our coaches. Shayla said they had two new coaches and 10-12 players. Thanks to Barb for helping with this program. Christy will mention to Ben for more buddies.

Start Smart Baseball:

- Shayla is leading this program despite an already full plate at work and Christy is grateful she is stepping up to the plate. The class is full with 20 students and a few on the waitlist.

Tee Ball:

- This program is full with 40 players and 14 coaches. It has been tough to get parents to coach.

Pool Passes:

- Memberships are starting to come in for the season.

Facility Rentals:

- Rentals have started for the season with a Mental Health fair yesterday at the Energy Park and pavilion rentals at both parks.

Office:

- Ben and Shayla have been amazing in helping to manage the added work volume in Kelly's absence with maternity leave. It has been very challenging to fit everything in but the Recreation Department is all doing their best.

Staff Hiring and Training:

- This Saturday is staff training for all the seasonal employees. It has been a whirlwind trying to pull all the staffing together in Kelly's absence. The Recreation Department still needs lifeguards and will be interviewing one or two more as few employees dropped out this week.

FY25 Budget:

- The City Council approved the FY 25 operating budget last night. Recreation Budget grand total is \$269,703.

Old Business

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Projects

Construction of Bocce Courts- 60 feet recreational backyard size:

- Project is close to completion. It is anticipated to be completely finished by the second week of June. There are a few items to finish up and there is a wait on delivery of the benches. At the new bocce courts, DPW will paint the parking lines and install the water fountains. There is a need to plant trees near abutters, install a park sign (Friday) and order the score boards, and other minor details. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in June. There was one large change order by the tennis courts as it was impossible to achieve the proper ADA slope without making the walkway longer. The Mayor approved the change order and funding.

GHS Track – Christy still needs to meet with Ian this month to review the layout and then schedule the work with GHS and DPW.

Site Amenities – Order has arrived. DPW installed the two corn hole boards and ping pong table at the pool and they look great. Foosball and ping pong will go to the Middle School soon. There will be CPC banners installed at the sites.

Pickleball – The City is ready to schedule the public meeting- with Berkshire Design and the Mayor's Office. Donna agreed to set up a Pickleball Account in the Friends of Recreation bank account. Sam Whitey has made the first official donation. He completed a Pickleball Tournament fundraiser for a local non profit organization for his Senior Project at Four Rivers Charter School.

Kim Boas trail improvement project- Christy has worked hard on this project to submit the proper forms to the Conservation Commission and the State. However, they are not complete but she hopes to submit sometime next month. The project funding does not include any engineering guidance for the NOI or RDA for the Conservation Commission. It has been a very steep learning curve on this permitting process for this project.

New Business:

Summer 2024 Events and Programs

Walk with the Mayor

- Christy asked if Recreation Commission meetings should be moved to accommodate a Commissioner or Christy as each of the Mayor Walks. For now, the Recreation Commission will meet on June 13 and Christy will attend the Mayor Walk on June 20.
- Walks scheduled for June 20 at Green River Swim Area, July 18 at Hillside Park, August 15 Green River Park, September 19 Skate Park, and October 17 at Highland Park.

- Rec Comm scheduled for June 13, July 18 , August 15, Sept 19, October 17.

Fireworks- July 6 with rain date of July 7

- Vendors have a June 1 deadline to confirm and so far, there are a few new vendors.
- Sponsorships are also coming in.
- Christy still needs to book bands for July 6 fireworks. Sounds tech is confirmed.

Corn Hole Tournament

- Some participants and the Mayor support the continued location as downtown.
- Some participants want recreation and league players in separate competitions on the same day.
- Danica will send thank you notes to both brewers and Hitchcock will likely offer a hard seltzer next year.

Mutts and Mayhem

- Myrt will be there Saturday after 3pm and Sunday, Donna will help clean up, Dan can help as needed, maybe Danica/Mary and boys and Barb is out of town. (Shayla needs to resend the sign up link)
- 8 Small dogs and 24 Large dogs are registered as of yesterday.
- Heather says she has things under control. Christy delivered goodies to the river, Heather and Jay collected two car loads today as well. Things are pulling together! Christy is anticipating many same-day registrations of more dogs.

Juneteenth at Beacon

- Christy continues to help Mpress on Juneteenth planning. Mpress is amazing! She continues to fine tune the speaker list, adding vendors and entertainment. It is going to be a wonderful day! Come celebrate on June 19th!

40th year of Triathlon

Registration: 60 so far.

Sprint Triathlon	1	29
International Triathlon	0	27
Two Person Sprint Team	0	2
Three Person Sprint Team	0	0
Two Person International Team	0	2
Three Person International Team	0	0
Total	1	60

Swim Area Opening

- The Recreation Department has been working hard to get the inside ready for inspection and staff training. Inspection with the Health Dept. is tomorrow. DPW was bringing in sand, preparing the parking lot and cleaning up the site. The dam boards, ladders and boardwalk are in process. Christy needs to order the food supplies for the snack shack and order wood chips for the playground. DPW needs to work on the front gate hut as it is moldy.

Energy Park Sign Updates

- The Main Street Sign has been replaced and Christy added "Event Today or Music Today " signs underneath. They looked great for the event yesterday!
- The sign company is upgrading the park signs as well. They have been removed for repair and replacement. There will be a few new signs that they are working on the artwork for.

Open Space Task Force

- The Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee would like a member of the Recreation Commission to join this sub-committee. They are still looking for a member of Rec Comm to join SCIG if interested?
- Donna will let them know that everyone is overcommitted at this time- no representative appointed the Open Space Task Force.

Trail Mapping Project

- Ryan of FRCOG has completed the mapping project. The Recreation Department needs to answer Ryan's questions and guide this project. Dan, Myrt and Barb agreed to help Christy and Kelly with this project. Ryan's contract ends at the end of the Month, but Christy requested an extension.
- If day meetings Christy anticipates they will likely be 9-10am or 4-5pm.
- Christy shared a list of questions from Ryan.
- Further along in the process, Christy will engage local bicycle shops and Mark Lombard of NEMBA.

Future Agenda Items

- Fireworks fundraisers
- Swim Area Operations

Next Meeting Date: June 13 at 6pm, Heather take notes hopefully as Barb is out of town.

7:24 pm Adjourn – Motion made by: Danica Seconded by: Dan



Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

Re: SGIC Open Space Task Force

1 message

Jonah Keane <jonahkeane@gmail.com>

Sun, May 5, 2024 at 6:58 PM

To: Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>, "donnadusell@gmail.com" <donnadusell@gmail.com>

Cc: Mary C <maryc7700@yahoo.com>

Hi Christy and Donna,

Just following up on this. The Conservation Commission is going to be selecting their representative to the Open Space Task Force at their meeting on the 14th. After that I'll be working to schedule our first meeting. Hopefully someone from the Rec Commission can also plan to join but if there is nobody interested, perhaps I could attend a meeting of the Rec Commission to talk about the task force and invite open dialogue between the groups.

Thanks,
Jonah

On Fri, Apr 26, 2024 at 8:06 AM Jonah Keane <jonahkeane@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Donna,

Mary passed along your email so forwarding the message below to you. Looking forward to being in touch about this. We can use this thread with the four of us for any discussion.

Thanks,
Jonah

On Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 7:10 PM Jonah Keane <jonahkeane@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Christy and Donna (I don't have Donna's email - Christy can you please share),

I'm writing to you with my SGIC member-at-large hat on. Also including Mary, SGIC chair. As we work to help the city implement the Master Plan, we've been considering the need for a standing Open Space Committee, a recommendation in the 2014 plan, the 2024 draft update of the Natural Historical and Cultural Resources chapter (recently completed by the Conway School) and the OSRP. I know that you were both members of the team that created the 2021 OSRP and are working diligently to implement it, so imagine and hope you are supportive of the creation of an Open Space Committee.

You are also likely aware that the previous two mayors and the current mayor are not in favor of creating a new city committee. We have proposed to the mayor creating a subcommittee of SGIC (or a Task Force, using SGIC regulations language) to form an Open Space Committee and the mayor is supportive. We brought it to the full SGIC today and voted to move forward.

Our proposal is to keep the official members of the committee small and all volunteer. We are thinking three SGIC members, including me as the chair, and a representative from the Conservation Commission and one from the Recreation Commission. We would of course welcome the involvement of more members of the Rec Commission and any Rec staff, along with the public at all of the meetings.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on this plan and on who might be interested in participating from the Rec Commission. Once up and running, I'd be interested in dedicating time in an early meeting to discussing the role of the Open Space Task Force relative to the Rec Commission and Rec Department to make sure the new task force would only be augmenting the city's open space work and not duplicating or working counter to other efforts.

Looking forward to working with you on this.
Jonah



Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

RE: stone ridge

1 message

Ryan Clary <GIS@frcog.org>

Mon, Apr 22, 2024 at 2:17 PM

To: Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

Christy- I attached to draft maps of your trails. Now I need you to do some homework. Aside from one more small trail near the tower on poets seat I think I have every trail collected. There are so many out there! These maps are very draft form and not intended to be anything close to final. Here is your check list

1. Do you even like to layout (colors, style, orientation etc...)?
2. The maps are set up as 8.5 x 11, my thought was to print them back to back but then I thought of a brochure style with folded in thirds with pictures, recommended hikes and anything else you would like on one side and then the map on the otherside. If we did a brochure style then we would need 2 maps. Maybe you have a different idea
3. Speaking of pictures I took a ton of pictures but I am not a photographer and they were really only for my reference when mapping and forgetting intersections. So you may want to get some pics if you want them on the map.
4. Tons of trails- this is everything I saw, that being said if there are trails you don't want people on then we need to not put them on the map or mark it as private property on the map as well as sign it that way in the field. Leaving them on the map is a good idea because if people don't see them on the map but they do in the field then they have to possibility to get lost
5. Mountain Biking? I know that a lot of people mountain bike up here and I don't know how you guys feel about that- do you have specific routes for that. I can recommend some but I don't want me to be the decision maker when it comes to that.
6. Recommended hikes... if you have short little hikes that people like we can highlight that or longer ones with descriptions. This can be accompanied by mileage distances on the map as well.
7. Colors- I labeled the trails by the color I saw out there but if you want to use the actual color of the lines as the description than that's another option also.
8. Parking- I found all the parking that I thought was legitimate, the only one I added was on a property owned by Greenfield off of turners falls road. It looks like you guys store a bunch of DPW equipment up there but its another option I thought of for down the road to access the northern section. (we would just have to add about 300 ft of trail to get to the existing trails)
9. Speaking of the northern section- I believe it is well used but I did notice quite a few occupied campsites. This is just an FYI.

The maps have no legend yet and everything can be changed but I am running out of time and I want to get your opinion on this so I can get you a quality product!

Take Care



Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

RE: map

1 message

Ryan Clary <GIS@frcog.org>

Mon, May 6, 2024 at 10:21 AM

To: Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

Cc: Megan Rhodes <MRhodes@frcog.org>

We can extend the timeline but its your funding so you need to look into that on your end. There are enough hours left to do that on my end. I am including Megan on this because she is my supervisor and will be able to amend the contract for us.

Ryan

From: Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:43 AM

To: Ryan Clary <GIS@frcog.org>

Subject: Re: map

We will meet with the Recreation Commission on this. I have been out straight with events and spring sports....they know it is on the radar.

Would you have time to extend, if we need more time to decide best plan?

Christy

On Mon, May 6, 2024 at 9:33 AM Ryan Clary <GIS@frcog.org> wrote:

Hey Christy- I am just checking it with you regarding the maps. My contract only goes till the end of this month so I need to get that done for you sooner than later. Let me know what you are thinking. Thanks

Ryan Clary

Senior GIS Specialist



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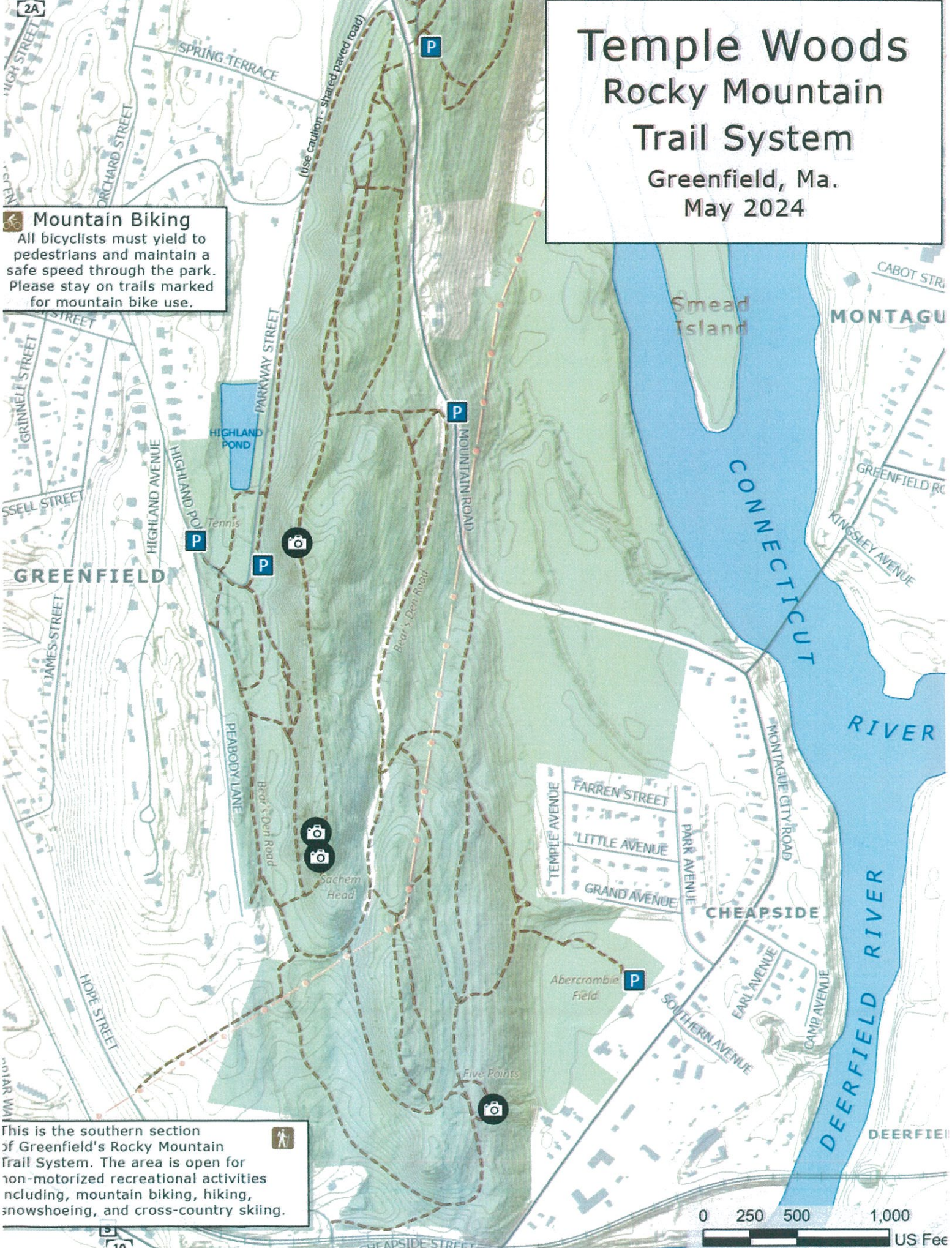
Temple Woods Rocky Mountain Trail System

Greenfield, Ma.

May 2024

Mountain Biking

All bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and maintain a safe speed through the park. Please stay on trails marked for mountain bike use.



This is the southern section of Greenfield's Rocky Mountain Trail System. The area is open for non-motorized recreational activities including, mountain biking, hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.



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Poets Seat Rocky Mountain Trail System

Greenfield, Ma.
May 2024

This is the northern section of Greenfield's Rocky Mountain Trail System. The area is open for non-motorized recreational activities including, mountain biking, hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

