

Recreation Commission Meeting

20 Sanderson Street City Offices and Greenfield Community Youth Center

June 13, 2024 6pm

Attending: Donna DuSell, Myrtron Jaquay, Heather Valenta, Dan Piasecki, and Christy Moore.

6:04pm MEETING COMMENCEMENT

6:01pm REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

Approval of Minutes January, April and May

Dan made motion to approve January 18, April 14, and May 16 minutes. Myrt Second. All in favor.

6:05pm PUBLIC INPUT

- Myrt shared that the pickleball users would like another bench at Green River Park near the courts.

6:09pm PROGRAM AND OFFICE UPDATES:

GRASP:

One more day left for GRASP and it is a half day. Today was the fourth grade graduation and the Recreation Department provided a Middle School Survival Kit to their graduating fourth graders. Christy is hopeful that the two site coordinators will be returning next year. The department anticipates high group leader turnover so if Commissioners know anyone who may want to work during the school year let Christy know!

REC ROOM:

Like GRASP, there is one more day as well and a half day for Rec Room. Christy shared Rec Room end of year report. Rec Room is growing. It has been a successful program. Staffing is challenging as always.

Summer Camp:

Sizzlers Camp is nearly full. There are still openings in Discovery and LIT program.

Sports Updates From Shayla:

- Tee ball has wrapped up, everyone was happy with individual medals and team pictures.
- Buddy Baseball has 15 players, and 9 buddies this season, the final game and celebration will be on the 22nd.
- Start Smart baseball has 1 more session tonight.
- Start Smart soccer will begin on June 25th; it is full at this time with 20 players, and we have a waitlist of 3-4 kids.
- Drop in basketball has now ended, and we received positive feedback.

- Learn to play pickleball is scheduled on Monday the 17th
- Learn to play golf is scheduled on Wednesday the 25th
- Co Rec Softball is going well as long as the weather cooperates

Rec the Night:

June 14th was Chalk Fest although the weather is not cooperating and we had to cancel.

Pool Passes:

Memberships are rolling in from the weekends and we anticipate more next week with school being out for the summer.

Facility Rentals:

- Steady flow of rentals in many of the parks with some new event requests as well.
- Pride in on Saturday, June 15 @ Energy Park.
- Playground Wood Chips are being delivered all week via multiple truck loads.
- Christy attended Eagle Scout project from Sean Babineau on June 12th at Beacon Field. He prepared a Greenfield Historic Walk around Greenfield. The kiosk is mounted near the Beacon playground and a link to the walk is listed on department's website: <https://www.greenfieldrecreation.com/parks.html>

6:15pm Office Updates:

Kelly is back!!! She has been amazing while trying to balance being a new mom! We are all so happy to welcome her and Sawyer back to the office. We have caught up on so many tasks in the week and a half that she has returned!

Staff Hiring and Training:

Still looking for lifeguards if anyone knows any guards.

6:22pm Old Business:

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Projects

Share Project Update Sheet

Highland Trail Improvements:

The Department submitted to the local Conservation Commission both an RDA and NOI for the trail improvement projects; along with the NHESP and Mass DEP NOI filings. The Recreation Dept. has also notified abutters to all parcels about the project. There is a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30pm via zoom. Everyone is encouraged to attend in support of this project. Kim Boas and Christy have had conversations with AMC

so they are aware of the potential delays. Christy believes they will be joining the meeting as well.

Construction of Bocce Courts:

The Department had hoped to hold the ribbon ceremony tomorrow however with the anticipated weather they have moved it to Monday, June 17th at 4pm. The contractor will be finishing up the benches and installing the scoreboards, etc tomorrow. DPW will be lining the parking spaces as well. Almost finished with another project! Christy hopes the Recreation Commissioner's can join us on Monday.

Pickleball – the official public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18th at 6pm. See flyer. It was shared on social media and a press release was sent out. Christy hopes the Recreation Commissioner's can join us.

6:31pm New Business:

Summer 2024 Events and Programs

Walk with the Mayor – first meeting is June 20th at the Swimming Area.

Summer Eats Kick Off – June 20th at the Swimming Area. Summer meals programs start in the parks June 24 which includes Hillside Park, swim area, skate park food truck.

Swim Area Opening

The Department is still working with DPW to replace the picnic tables and grills and complete swim area summer preparation. They are short staffed so things are taking longer this year. The facility passed the water test for this week. Please see the DPH Dashboard for water results that has been created. It is a wonderful asset that we are sending to the public frequently. Check it out: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/interactive-beach-water-quality-dashboard>

Juneteenth

Mpress and Christy have finalized the vending map and park details. Mpress has pulled together an amazing line of musicians and speakers for the celebration and a parade! Come join us!

Fireworks

Vendor confirmation letters have gone out.

Linda is finalizing the poster with musical lineup and sponsors.

Christy shared fireworks fundraising budget handout.

Christy reminded the Recreation Commissioners that they need to select our Fortin Award winner and vote. Christy shared list of nominations from previous years.

Myrt made a motion to present the 2024 Fortin Award to Amy McMahan; Dan seconded. No discussion, all in favor.

Triathlon

Registration: 95 so far. Special 40th medals to arrive any day!

Wed Jun 12, 2024 12:00am EDT to 11:59pm EDT

Event	New Registrations	Total Registrations
Sprint Triathlon	2	44
International Triathlon	0	46
Two Person Sprint Team	0	2
Three Person Sprint Team	0	1
Two Person International Team	0	2
Three Person International Team	0	0
Total	2	95

Energy Park Sign Updates

Christy is working with Sign Techniques on the new park signs. The department has approved some of the proofs in hope some will be installed tomorrow depending on the weather. This is a long awaited project!

Trail Mapping Project – The Recreation Department has extended the contract until December 2024. Christy needs to schedule a meeting with Ryan, Myrt, Dan, Barb, Christy and Kelly to start the review process of the trail map.

Future Agenda Items

North Severance is almost wrapped up with the hazmat removal, so demo can begin soon.

The mayor wants to deed stone ridge property to parks and recreation. Legal still needs to review and figure out how it can be referenced as a MASS general law.

The trees at Lunt field have been vandalized. There is talk to name the trees with hopes people may be more respectful.

Next Meeting Date: July 18 at 6pm

Adjourn 6:59– Motion made by: Dan

Seconded by: Myrt

Rec Room Summary

The inaugural year of the Rec Room was an overall success! The program started with 18 members and grew to 23 for the Winter and 24 for the spring semester. 5th graders made up the majority of the enrollment. Daily attendance typically fluctuates between 8-14 students per day.

Highlights from the school year include daily Rec Round-ups where members were presented with a variety of stimulating topics to discuss as a group; STEM enrichment projects such as volcanoes, model DNA, and elephant toothpaste; arts such as clay figures, paper-mache, and sewing; and community collaboration with MPress from Greenfield Savings Bank to introduce money management. Outside group games and the game room were also member favorites and fostered socialization and positive interactions between peers.

One of the biggest challenges of the program included staffing. While the program was able to function with two staff, three would be ideal as it would allow more flexibility with programming, oversight, and one on one interactions/mentorship of members. Staff call-outs and absences were also difficult to find coverage for and a third staff member would alleviate this strain.

Overall, the Rec Room has been a success and provided a safe and welcoming space where new friendships have blossomed. We are excited for the Rec Room's continued growth next school year where we hope to expand enrichment, provide more community engagement activities, and help a new round of middle schoolers grow!

Greenfield Recreation Projects

Projects with Current Funding

Project Name	Funding Amount	Funding Source	Description	Status	Pending Actions
1 Rocky Mountain/Highland Trail Mapping & Assessment	\$ 50,000.00	Capital FY24	FRCOG to assess all trails, Create Map (digital and print), make recommendations for trail changes and signage locations	In Progress	Need to review work by FRCOG
2 Rocky Mountain/Highland Wayfinding Signage & Kiosks	\$ 25,650.00	CPC FY25	Funds to install wayfinding signage based on recommendations from trail assessment	Begin in FY25	Need to complete project 1 first.
3 Highland Trail Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00	CPC FY24	Trail Maintenance at Highland Park to include drainage improvements and trail rerouting	In Progress	Permit Application Submitted to state and Con Com. Meeting June 25th. AMC/Americorps ready to mobilize.
4 Beacon Improvements/ Bocce & Water Fountains	\$ 130,000.00	CPC FY24, Capital FY22, CDA	2 New Bocce Courts with benches, ADA sidewalk & parking, ADA Water Fountains to replace current, ADA parking spots	In Progress- Nearly Complete	Grand Opening June 14th Submit Final Paperwork
5 GHS Track ADA Access	\$ 1,350.00	CPC FY24, CDA	New ADA access from GHS parking lot to track and bleachers	In Progress	Approve final plan and complete work
6 Site Amenities	\$ 22,226.31	CPC FY24	Outdoor Concrete Ping Pong, Foosball, and Cornhole at parks and/or schools	In Progress- Nearly Complete	Install Foosball & Ping Pong at GMS. Submit final paperwork.
7 Pickleball	\$ 50,000.00	CPC FY24	Assessment/ Plan for Pickleball at Abercrombie	In Progress	Public Design Meeting June 18th
8 Hillside Park Improvements	\$ 125,000.00	CPC FY25	Funds to install a shade structure over splash pad seating and continuation of walking path	Begin in FY25	Meet with DPW regarding paving and order shade structure.
9 Bike Racks	\$ 3,900.00	CPC Community Request FY25	Bike racks at parks and trail heads	Begin in FY25	Order bike racks and install
10 Poet's Seat Improvements-Sandblasting	\$ 50,000.00	Capital FY25	Sandblast and restore Poet's Seat tower from graffiti and vandalism	Begin in FY25	Consult with DPW

Future Projects in which Funding is Being Requested

Project Name	Funding Request	Funding Source	Description	Status	Pending Actions
TBD					
Projects Completed					
Project Name	Funding Amount	Funding Source	Description	Status	Pending Actions
1 Skate Park	\$ 985,915.03	PARC Grant, Capital, ARPA, FGR	New Skatepark	Project Complete	Complete
2 Shattuck Park Fitness Cluster	\$ 24,000.00	CPC FY24	New fitness cluster to be installed at Shattuck Park Playground	Project Complete	Closeout form submitted Total Cost= \$23,129.58 \$870.42 returned to CPA funds
Projects Withdrawn or Not Funded					
1 Energy Park Shed	\$ 3,500.00	CPC FY25	Funds to install a shed	Application Withdrawn	Project Withdrawn due to lack of Master Gardener Support
2 Pickleball Construction	Capital: \$300,000 CPC: \$572,000	Capital FY25 & CPC Community Request FY25	Construction of Pickleball Courts	Request/ Application submitted	N/A
3 Site Amenities	\$ 87,000.00	CPC FY25	Funds to install additional site amenities including Concrete Table Games, Solar Charging Stations, and bike repair stations	Application submitted	N/A
4 Outdoor Recreation Equipment	\$ 50,000.00	Capital FY25	Swings at Newton School, Picnic Tables and Boardwalk Replacement at the Swim Area	Request submitted	N/A



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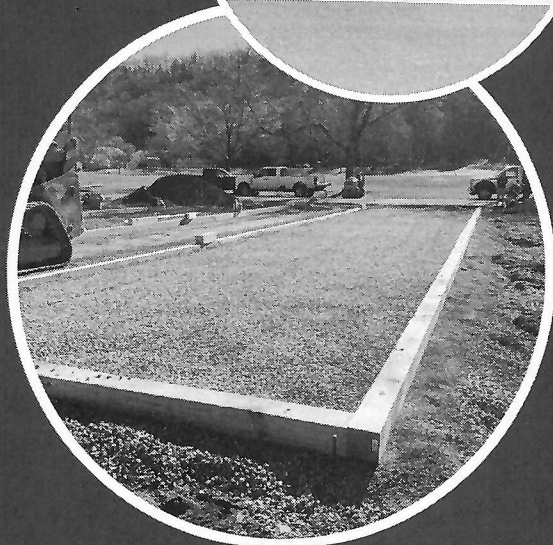
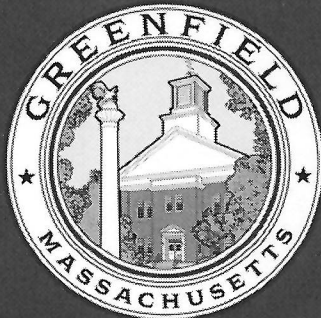
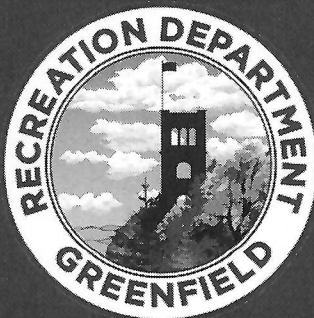
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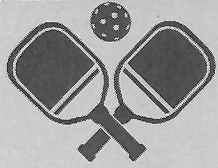


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AT BEACON FIELD**
(Gerrett Street)

RESCHEDULE

Ribbon Cutting & Refreshments





**YOU ARE
INVITED**

**PUBLIC DESIGN MEETING
FOR PROPOSED PICKLEBALL
COURTS AT ABERCROMBIE PARK
WITH THE BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP, INC**

TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH

6:00PM

20 SANDERSON STREET

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YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

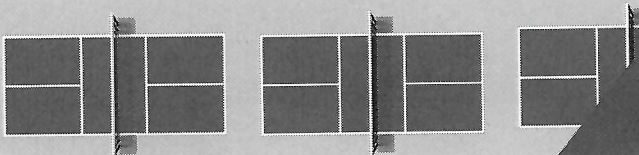


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Fireworks Budget Summary

6/12/2024

Rec Fireworks Fund		
Vendors	\$	5,475.00
Sponsors	\$	6,025.00
Mini Golf	\$	3,235.31
Cornhole Rec	\$	200.00
Mesa Taco Kits	\$	85.00
Total	\$	15,020.31

Friends Fireworks Fund		
Cornhole 2024	\$	1,047.70
Previous Balance	\$	8,572.11
Total	\$	9,619.81

Fortin Award Notes from 2024

People

- Amy M- Mesa: Winter Carnival, FW, GSA and general department support
- Wisty: Invasive Species removal work, general support
- Stephanie Marshall: Energy Park, Friends of Rec, General Support
- Mpress: Juneteenth, ReggaeFest, Rec Room Financial Program
- John & Michelle Higgins: Mutts & Mayhem, Winter Carnival
- Joe Ruggeri: Coaching, Buddy Baseball Help, Sponsorship support
- Jon & Sadie Ross: Buddy Baseball

Organizations

- Kiwanis Club: Winter Carnival, Halloween, Helmets- Safety Day