

**Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting
August 18, 2022 6pm
Greenfield Youth Center, 20 Sanderson Street**

Attending: Danica Hochstetler, Myrt Jaquay, Donna DuSell, Christy Moore, and Barb Zaccheo.

6:09pm Call to Order

6:10pm Review of May 2022 and June 16, 2022 meeting minutes

- Christy will complete a review of Mary's May 2022 meeting minutes.
- Barb will submit June minutes to Christy.

6:11pm Public Input

- Donna reports that Nancy Hazard wants to connect with folks interested in trails for possible Community Preservation projects.

6:12pm DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Commission

- Myrt, Heather and Barb need to renew in December. Christy will contact Caitlin von Schmidt to express interest in extending.
- Christy check in with Jennifer Hoffman if she's still interested in serving on the Commission.

Green River Swim Area

- Weather has not been great- drought, heat has caused giardia and cryptosporidium bacterial growth and zero rainfall. Tests are \$800-1000/test.
- Christy will propose to the Mayor that the swim area be closed after summer camp ends. There's not enough staff to cover shifts and the swimming being closed.
- Some people want refunds and the City will not do that at this time.

Skate Park

- There were three bids with Mountain View as the lowest bid at \$883,750. Davenport and Northpoint also submitted.
- \$980,750 includes design and construction. Shelter will be \$16,000 additional cost.
- Mayor has been very supportive and helped with decisions.
- Next steps: Construction meeting and schedule and order supplies to start in fall 2022. Christy hopes that site work will happen this fall. Project needs to be completed by May 24, 2023- has to be done by June 1 per the grant.
- Mountain View completed dog park and Hillside splash pad. Subcontractor Artisan was submitted for all three bidders and all references checked out for Artisan and Mountain View- current projects are Framingham, Worcester, etc.
- Christy is working on the rules for the Skate Park.

Program Supervisor

- There is a good set of applicants that Christy will work on in September after her vacation and cleaning up the Green River swim area.

Fair Parade

- The theme is thrills for you in 2022 September 8
- Recreation is considering a float

GBA Vintage Days September 23-25

- Antique cars and sidewalk sales and historic tours

Trail Maps and Conservation Commission

- Travis Drury and Christy met to discuss digitizing the maps of Highland Park and Rocky Mountain Park. Discussed collaboration on using AllTrails app. And tie in trees identification by Mary Chicoine/Tree Committee on Greenfield Recreation website under parks and trails- "highland park walking tour." Commissioners will share ideas for implementation after Skate Park is done.

OLD BUSINESS

Triathlon

- 228 registrants- 7 less than last year, 300-400 registrants before covid.
- Tough with less volunteers and no Loren Beale (P.S.) and no radio club
- Debrief meeting on September 12 and will include a sag wagon volunteer at 4.5 hours aged 82.
- Went through 1000 lbs of ice and hottest race with zero health issues
- Fastest was 52 minutes with no swim.
- Race official was Deb Wilson and hasn't been there since 2009. She and Scott the timing official had a great time.
- Survey monkey post race survey to athletes will go out soon.
- Christy will soon meet with Dan Gagaris to "brain dump", Garth Shaneyfelt joined the committee as Becky and Steve Shattuck stepped down. Tri Committee member: Amy, Peter, and Garth all compete. Rick Roy is very helpful with the swimming portion.

Fireworks

- Train and a middle school vendor never came, which is fine.
- A few complaints about a novelty vendor about another novelty vendor about a plastic toy gun.
- Revenue/budget is being worked on to share with the Commission at a later date.
- Protest in the style of the handmaid's tale went ok and was not appreciated in the middle of seventh grader doing the National Anthem.

Movies in the Park

- 30-40 individuals at Luca and Dog was for teens and adults
- September 23 is the 40th anniversary of ET.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall programs with travel and pee wee soccer registration out. (Christy handed out a flier)
- Coaches and referees are needed.
- Co Rec softball has started- Recreation pops in to check in on softball games and coordinate the schedule and banned from the league, illegally drinking alcohol, fist fight, bickering, unruliness, and unsportsmanlike conduct.

GRASP

- After school registration is open
- One site coordinator and another lined up soon so Kelly and Christy will be in the office more.

Halloween

- Falls on a Monday so there was a motion by Donna to hold Rag Shag on Monday, October 31 and Barb second it. Approved with all in favor. Christy will let GBA know.

Community Preservation Committee

- Pre application due in September 2022.
- Full applications due in November 2022.
- \$330,000 this year to disburse including state matching funds in 2023.
- Funding will go to the City for implementation.
- Since the hearing there were many inquiries to the Recreation Department about possible projects: Highland park trail improvements, Highland Pond restoration, tennis courts at Highland- update the water fountain, pump track for bikes- from the public. From Christy- additional \$50,000 for bocce courts at Beacon, Shattuck Park fitness cluster, bleachers, multiple sets at Murphy, Abercrombie, Middle School, etc.; site amenities- chess table, solar charging, foosball; Energy Park signs about the plants and wind energy.
- Myrt suggested items from the capital budget be submitted to CPC.
- Donna suggested ADA projects and Christy suggested pourable in place rubber for fall zone instead of wood chips at Middle School because of life flight helicopters. Also suggested was ADA access to high school track.
- Decide at September 2022 Recreation Commission which to pre- apply- possibly Shattuck fitness cluster, bocce court and bleachers. Lots of interest in pickleball courts and pump track whereas the community will hopefully push these ahead.

Future Agenda Items

- 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.

- Christy will check if a port a potty could be rented for the summer Beacon Field movies- MJ Adams may know of funds for this.
- Christy reach out to local manufacturers for donations for the robotics program.
- Parks tour for Commissioner

Next Meeting: September 15, 2022 at 6pm

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:57pm by Myrt making a motion, Barb seconded.