



Greenfield Recreation Commission

20 Sanderson Street City Offices/ Greenfield Community Youth Center

October 22, 2024 - 6:00 PM Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Donna DuSell, Chair
- ☒ Barbara Nichols Zaccheo, Secretary
- ☐ Danica Hochstetler, Member
- ☒ Myrt Jaquay, Member (left 7:15pm)
- ☒ Mary Phillips, Member (arrival 6:34pm)
- ☒ Daniel Piasecki, Alternate
- ☒ Heather Valenta, Alternate
- ☒ Christy Moore, Recreation Director, Ex-Officio

Others Present:

- ☐ n/a
- ☐ n/a
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Chairperson's Statement:

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- Donna reached out to the City Clerk that this statement is not clear.

6:01pm Call to Order by Chairperson:

Roll Call of Commissioners:

- Present Commissioners- Heather Valenta, Dan Piasecki, Myrt Jaquay, Mary Phillips, Donna DuSell, and Barbara Nichols Zaccheo.
- Present: Recreation Department Director Christy Moore
- Absent Commissioners- Danica Hochstetler

6:06pm Public Comment:

- Christy is looking forward to a representative from the pickleball community attending- there was confusion about the Thursday meeting that was re-scheduled to this evening.
- Donna shared that she is working with the pickleball community as Treasurer of the Friends of Greenfield Recreation.
- Sadly, Trevor Bross recently passed away at age 54. Christy proposes a memorial bench at Beacon tennis courts and will check in with the family.

6:06pm Approval of September 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Dan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with no edits. Heather seconded. All voted in favor. Christy will update with "final" and share with Linda for the website.
- Carryover Action items are:
- Christy is waiting for final determination from Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program for the Highland Trail Improvements project.
- Christy follow up with Appalachian Mountain Club and Kim Boas about the Highland Park trail improvements project and also inquire with Community Preservation about

- extending the project deadline.
- Christy work with the Registry of Deeds for straw wattles for the Highland Park improvement project.
- The Commission will discuss the pump track and Christy will follow up with Hugo- cannot be at Wedgewood Gardens.
- DPW and Central Maintenance will need to remove the boardwalk, push up the sand and winterize sometime next month.
- Christy work on a timeline to complete the Highland Trail mapping project with FRCOG and Commissioners.
- Christy needs to follow up with the Land Trust about the private parcels and working through that process for the Highland trail mapping project.
- Christy will reach out to the schools to talk about cost sharing on the Davis Street tennis court repairs.
- Christy will need help at the Rag Shag costume event to hold signs and a judge.
- Christy passed out the volunteer sign up sheet for the November 9 dodgeball tournament and Commissioners signed up for shifts.

6:18pm Director's Report

Park and Program Updates:

Fall Soccer:

- Pee wee season finished last weekend with medals presented by the coaches.
- Junior Division celebration is this Thursday at 6pm and seniors are on Friday.
- Soccer had 124 participants, 4 officials and 28 coaches!
- Barb noted that there was no trash found at the Swim Area in the soccer fields- impressive stewardship by the soccer families and visitors.

Rec the Night:

- This past Friday was Boo Bash with 23 attending. Numbers are growing with this program and the Department will recruit a third staff person. Even with the Greenfield Middle School dance, numbers were great. Some students came before the dance and some even came after. All 5-6th graders.

Greenfield Recreation After School Program (GRASP):

- Additional registrations are slowly trickling at Federal Street. Federal Street has consistently higher enrollment than Four Corners.
- Christy, Kelly, and Shayla are still covering absences but there is hope to interview a few group leaders next week.
- This Thursday and Friday are half days so Christy, Kelly, and Shayla will be helping with the programs.

Rec Room Highlights:

- The program is really growing as there are 36 registered for the fall season: 18 fifth graders, 16 sixth graders and 2 seventh graders.
- Jake and Nick are connecting really well with the students.
- The winter season starts December 2nd.

Park Update:

- Energy Park sign project is nearing completion. Special anti-graffiti covering was on backorder and finally arrived. Hope to be installed before the end of the fall season.

Grant Updates:**Greenfield Local Cultural Council Grant :**

- The Recreation Department applied for a Rec Room Outdoor Public Art Mural Project for the wall out front of the Sanderson Street building. The students in the Rec Room will work alongside a local artist to develop the concept and design a mural that reflects their interests and values. Throughout the spring, they will work together to paint the mural while instilling a sense of pride in the project, themselves, and their community.

6:29pm Old Business**Highland Trail Mapping:**

- Barb reached out to the Greenfield Historical group to inquire about the history of the Sachem's Head platform and didn't find anything.
- The Department is moving forward with the mapping part of the project. Christy and Kelly have recently met with Ryan at the FRCOG to review the trail updates. He is going to review the blue trail on the southern end where the Pocumtuck Ridge Trail connects or overlays our trails.
- Ryan, Christy and Kelly also met with Liam from the Franklin County Land Trust to discuss easements for the sections of trails that are not currently city owned. He has shared sample documents that the Department needs to review.
- With this, Ryan is creating a property boundary map that will have our trail overlay on it so the private owners can easily identify where on their parcel the trail is sited. The Department has also identified where they anticipate trail head large kiosks, medium kiosks and trail post markers to be located.
- There is still work to be done, but the Department is making progress! This is really exciting and timely as the Department has had several recent phone calls asking for maps of the ridgeline.
- Dan review MLS for Bed and Breakfast on Stone Ridge Lane and report back to Christy.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Project Updates:**Site Amenities:**

- DPW installed the ping pong table and foosball table. Rec Room members have raved about them. The Recreation Department ordered a set of ping pong paddles and foosballs for the Middle School. Today Christy saw a large group of students playing during recess. One of the Rec Room students said, they were so happy to have something "to do" during recess time. Christy shared a photo of three students playing foosball.

6:43pm New Business:

Capital Plan FY26:

- Christy shared the Capital Master Plan details. FY26 submissions would be for pickleball court construction PARC grant match, Rocky Mountain Ridge to finish trail mapping project, Tennis and Pickleball Court Repair and Resurfacing and public bathrooms.
- Christy is waiting on engineering costs for bathrooms based on today's walk around to determine utility costs along with crane estimates.
- Mary made a motion to approve the Capital Plan FY2026 with caveat that any changes to the total FY26 budget cannot exceed \$100,000 and Dan seconded. Donna asked about the Green River Swim Area retaining wall as she noted it was moved back on the five year plan. Christy explained the reasoning was due to the fact that the bank stabilization project by the playground has not started. This should be finished first. The Green River Swim Area bridge and dam replacement have also been pushed back although there is some concern about the potential costs for this project. After Donna's questions were answered, all voted in favors.

State Recreation Funds

- Christy shared there is money earmarked by our local legislators for outdoor recreational equipment. She is unclear when this money will be available and if it will have specific funding requirements. Additional information to come.

Halloween Rag Shage Parade Event:

- The Department released flyer and marketing materials have gone to the media. The Department will need help at the event to hold signs- Mik, Donna and Barb volunteered and a judge- Dan volunteered to serve with Kay Lyons, Mayor DeSorgher, and Karin Patenaude.
- The Department will follow up with dentists next week and order some small giveaways for the bags.

Dodgeball Tournament:

- 11/9 Fireworks Fundraiser – Shayla is determined to make this successful this year!
- The Department will need volunteers on November 9 so Commissioners reviewed sign up sheet for help.

Graves Brook Geocache:

- Christy received a request for placing a geocache on this section of the park. She was asking if any commissioners were familiar with the area to confirm if it was in fact City owned property. Christy will follow up with the author of the email about the proposed exact location. The department does have a policy on placing geochaces on City property.

Posting of political signs on City property:

- Christy will research with other City departments about policies in regards to political signs in public parks.

Future Agenda Items

- FY26 Budget
- Report out on Pickleball Tournament 11/16- indoors at Greenfield High School
- Discussion on the potential of forming a Trail Advisory Committee that could help with Adopt a trail, keep us updated on work order needs to submit to DPW, etc.

Next Meeting Date:

- Scheduled for November 21st 6pm (Heather will take notes as Barb will be absent)

Adjourn – Motion made by: Heather Seconded by: Dan