

## **Recreation Commission Meeting**

20 Sanderson Street City Offices and Greenfield Community Youth Center

Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 6pm

### **Attending:**

- Myrtron Jaquay, Danica Hochstetler, Heather Valenta, Dan Piasecki, Barb Nichols Zaccheo and Christy Moore

### **6:03 pm Meeting Started**

### **6:04pm Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes**

- Myrt made a motion to approve minutes as is and Dan seconded. All voted in favor.
- Carryover from February 2023: Barb, Mary, and Danica finish ethics training.

### **6:05pm Public Input/Discussion**

- None

### **6:06pm Recreation Director's Report**

#### **PROGRAM AND OFFICE UPDATES:**

#### **GRASP (Greenfield After School Program):**

- Next week, the Recreation Department will be reaching out to those who worked last year and posting for positions openings. The Department will be preparing the enrollment packets for families soon.

#### **CAMP:**

- The Recreation Department is half way through the summer! The camps have been going well – considering the lack of water access and the number of times the campers and staff have been in the middle school. Families have shared lots of positive feedback and this week is Gross Out Week which the kids love. Shayla even had worms on her face today – YUCK! Next week is one of the bigger field trips to the Mystic Aquarium.

#### **Start Smart Soccer:**

- Soccer make up night is tonight and the Recreation Department has a full program with 20 enrolled.

#### **Learn to Play Pickleball:**

- This program has been so popular that Shayla has scheduled a second session on July 29th.

### **Tennis Lessons:**

- The Department is only offering youth lessons, although enrollment is low. Shayla will be marketing these tomorrow.
- Adult lessons are canceled due to lack of an instructor.

### **Basketball Clinic:**

- The clinic started last week for 2-6 graders at Green River Park courts. The program is full with 12 enrolled and a waitlist.

### **Learn to Play Gaga ball:**

- Last week, Shayla had 5 kids participate in the learn to play gaga ball session at the swim area.

### **Learn to Play Field Hockey:**

- Last night, the Recreation Department had 6 students learn the basics of field hockey at the swim area.

### **Co Rec Softball:**

- The Recreation Department has about three more weeks of this program and then the teams switch to playoffs.

### **Office Updates: Registrations and Rentals**

- The Recreation Office is really busy with registrations, facility rentals, and phone calls. Swim Passes are obviously slower due to the lack to swim but the phone calls are nonstop.

### **6:15pm Old Business: Parks and Programs**

- None

### **6:16pm New Business**

#### **Summer Updates –**

- Pool continues to operate without water until the Recreation Department can test the water. The Recreation Department has adjusted lifeguard hours to have them help with camp as much as possible while also maintaining the park facility.
- Triathlon is Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and the Recreation Department needs volunteers. Christy sent the link with the meeting announcement: <https://signup.com/go/fzvrzxcg>

### **Fall Programs**

- Soccer – starts on September 9<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup> – the registrations and meeting will be held next month.
- Teen Center Opening – Ben has been working on our plans for opening this fall. The Recreation Department is still reviewing and finalizing procedures and policies for operation. The Recreation Department hopes to open a similar timeframe as GRASP.

## Halloween

- Falls on a Tuesday this year – so the Recreation Department event would be held on a weekday. Dan made a motion to schedule the downtown trick or treat and rag shag parade to be held on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 4pm. Myrt seconded. All voted in favor.

## 72 new banners for Cultural District:

- New on downtown Greenfield light posts all funded by a grant.
- Down Federal Street to Coffee Roasters, High to AAA on Main Street, Bank Row to parking garage and River Street, on Davis Street and Chapman Street for Skate Park, Looky Here and original artwork.

## Future Agenda Items

- Community Preservation Committee Updates- all contracts are drafted and are at the City Attorney for review and signature. Shattuck Park fitness cluster install, concrete work ADA compliant high school track, pickleball feasibility, Americorps help with Highland trail, site amenities throughout downtown Greenfield, Bocce court at Beacon, and Highland trail signs.
- Abercrombie Field and parking arrangements for baseball practices and games given new ownership of former Greenfield Center School and renovation/development
- Parks tour for Commissioners
- Find Triathlon volunteers who can take over some of the more physical needs of the committee during race week as current dedicated volunteers are aging and need to train new members.
- Review the leases for various parks including Abercrombie, Lunt, and Murphy.
- Connect Mark Lombard of New England Mountain Biking (used to be on the Recreation Commission) with Kim to network with him about NEMBA grants, etc. for Highland Park trail improvements.
- Propose ideas for the Sustainable Greenfield Committee position to Christy.
- Work with Eric about the City's recent ownership of a 13 acres parcel and an easement to the surrounding six acres (there's also a house there that someone recently bought at auction) in Highland Park- check in on this in Spring 2023.

**Next Meeting Date:** August 10th at 6pm

**6:39 pm Adjourn** – Motion made by: Danica

Seconded by: Dan