

RECREATION COMMISSION
Greenfield Community Youth Center
December 8, 2022 6pm

ATTENDING:

- Christy Moore, Barb Zaccheo, Donna DuSell, Heather Valenta, and Myrt Jaquay

6:06pm CALL TO ORDER

6:07pm REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

- Heather made a motion to accept the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes with no edits. Myrt seconded. All voted in favor.
- Carryover action items:
 - In preparation for next season, Christy will be presenting a few changes for approval hopefully next month in regards to the Swim Area refund policy language, weather closure policy language and age for unaccompanied youth.
 - Christy will work on updates to the Swim Area website (once approved) along with a revised registration form specifically for passes.
 - Christy and Kelly need to find Triathlon volunteers who can take over some of the more physical needs of the committee during race week as our members are aging and need to train new members. Any interest, or know anyone, please let Christy know.
 - Christy research to match someday with Friends fund or revolving or youth money for projects proposed for Community preservation funds.
 - Christy review the leases for various parks including Abercrombie, Lunt, and Murphy.
 - Mark Lombard of New England Mountain Biking used to be on the Recreation Commission- could be good for Kim to network with him about NEMBA grants, etc. for Highland Park trail improvements.
 - Christy needs to create and develop the policies and procedures for the Teen Center program.
 - Christy work on revenue/budget to share with the Commission at a later date.
 - Christy is working on the rules for the Skate Park.
 - Commissioners are encouraged to propose ideas for the Sustainable Greenfield Committee position to Christy.
 - Christy is working 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 just bought at auction) in Highland Park- check in on this in Spring 2023.

- Barb email to Christy her completion of Ethics training and also the one pager.

6:13pm PUBLIC INPUT

- Donna reported that someone suggested showing summer outdoor movies in Fiske Avenue park (near Mesa Verde and Wild Roots) however it's tough due to the large scale of the stage. She re-directed them to the Beacon Field movies and Myrt asked about showing outdoor movies at the Energy Park.

Recreation Commission Meeting Dates 2023- all Thursdays at 6pm

- Recreation Commissioners add to their calendar: January 19, February 9, March 16, April 13, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 10, September 14, October 19, November 16, and December 7.

GRANT UPDATES:

Skate Park:

- Project update: The City had their first change orders last week. Christy called back the GEO Tech to revisit the site where there was extensive silty material that retained water. It was agreed to remove the material to the fabric and replace it with 1.5" stone in two small areas of the park. This will allow Artisan to move forward with their work without further delays. Artisan has been on site about a week and is preparing as much of the wooden framing shapes, steel and rebar as they can. They plan on being on site until December 22 and then will return when the weather allows. They plan on preparing all the angled work this fall and finish all the flat work in the spring all weather permitting.

Stanton Foundation Capital Grant:

- The stone has been delivered and spread thanks to DPW. Christy will need to order the other site amenities this winter for spring install.

MASS Trails Grant:

- Christy meet with Athena the City's Grant Write on Monday to review the grant and determine max funding, match requirements, timelines, etc.

Community Preservation Committee Updates:

- Christy and Donna attended the CPC meeting on 12/1/2022 where Brian Lamore and Christy presented his Highland Park Fountain project. There were some concerns about the location not being very visible and how many other people would use other than the tennis players as it is next to the courts. Brian was tasked to seek additional support for the project and Christy will follow up with DPW to see if the fountain could be placed closer to the road near the meter pit.

PROGRAMS UPDATES:

Basketball Programs:

- Christy was happy to share that Eric, the School Facilities Manager has scheduled the Greenfield Middle School floor repair over the holiday break. Greenfield Recreation should be able to go back to GMS for basketball games.
- There has been a jump in teams – so far, the team will have 3 boys teams for 2-4 and 1 girls team 2-4 and 1 team for 5/6 as of now is all boys but would be coed if any girls sign up. The Pee Wee program starts in January so sign-ups are ongoing.

Jinglefest Amazing Race:

- This event was a huge success thanks to the coordination and creativity of Shayla and Kelly. We have 7 teams and almost 40 participants. Of the businesses that participated, the majority of them loved the race!

Mutts & Mayhem- May 21 and Triathlon August 6

- Christy and Kelly met with Second Wind Finished for the timing services of both events. Confirmed both events including registration changes.

Greenfield After School Program:

- The Program is still adding students when slots become available. A new staff member (Assistant Group Leader) started on Monday, GHS student. The program still needs Group Leaders so Kelly, Shayla, and Christy can leave the program more often. There will be a few college students who worked with the City in the past who will help during the month of January while on their college break. This will be very helpful for Winter Carnival prep.

6:34pm Old Business

6:35pm Open Discussion

- The Mayor, Planning Department, DPW, and Recreation Department discussed the request from developer David Zaccheo to create parking for his development in the former Greenfield Center School site. Their decision will be shared with the developer next week.
- Donna expressed her concern about recruiting someone to fill Jennifer Hoffman's position. Mary and Danica alternate attendance. Christy will work on finding a new Recreation Commissioner. Upcoming opening to replace Barb Zaccheo as well.

6:37pm New Business

Winter Carnival

- Christy shared ice bar information with Ben Goldsher and Rachel from the Greenfield Business Association.

General Event Sponsors Confirmed

- Ford and Toyota \$250
- Montague WebWorks \$250
- Planet Fitness \$250
- Freedom Credit Union \$250
- Patriot Care \$250
- Shelburne Falls Coffee \$250
- Cohn & Company \$250
- Mowry & Schmidt \$250
- Silver Screen \$500
- Judd Wire \$500
- New Fortune \$1,000

Ice Sculptures

- 7 Carvers Confirmed which include 2 new ones (not in: Nathan Peterson, Tech School, Sue or Mike Lagasse or John)
- Four Sponsors Confirmed: Olive Street Development LLC, Co-Op, Greenfield Gallery & Ryan and Casey
- The City requested Massachusetts Cultural Council funding in the amount of \$2,500.

Parade of Lights Confirmed Entries confirmed:

- Police Dept.
- GCET
- Kiwanis – Kara Younger’s car will be decorated for their 100th anniversary. Paul of Salvation Army is the lead on that now.

Winter Carnival Events

- We are confirming events and details for other activities.

Summer 2023:

Fireworks

- The Department sent out eight RFP letters and only received one back from Pyrotechnico who has bought out Atlas. Christy shared the results. Only issue is the July rain date. They want a June 30th reverse rain date. It is the only option that weekend. Christy ask Pyrotechnico/Atlas how marketing is handled for “reverse rain date” and if June 30 be the show and July 1 be the rain date or if other dates are available.

Important Dates:

- May 20: Staff Orientation

- May 21: Mutts and Mayhem
- June 3: Swim Area opening day
- June 4: Community Safety Day
- June 9: Potential Skate Fest Grant Opening 4-?
- June 10: Pride
- June 19: Juneteenth
- TBD: Cornhole – weeknight Thur/Fri?
- June 30: Fireworks rain date
- July 1: Fireworks
- August 6: Triathlon

TBD:

Movies in the Park

Rec the Night

Energy Park Concerts/Events?

Camp Reunion

Reggae Culture Saturday June 3 Noon to 5pm at Energy Park

Easy Listening Sundays at Energy Park

Juneteenth kickoff June 17 at Energy Park

Summer Wages/Positions:

- Christy needs to proceed as usual by submitting to the State Seasonal Positions.
- Christy will not hire the “ski and snowboard” positions this year due to Berkshire East's change of weekend schedule.
- Christy noted that the total weeks cannot exceed 19 weeks.
- Heather made a motion to approve the “2023-2024 Recreation Seasonal Positions and Pay Rates and Seasonal Dates,” Myrt seconded and all voted in favor.

Open Discussion

- Abercrombie Field and parking arrangements for baseball practices and games given new ownership of former Greenfield Center School and renovation/development. Recreation Commission was disinclined to agree to “give away” the 7500 sq feet of City property to the developer until we have a better understanding on how this change will impact Recreational use parking.

Future Agenda Items

- Abercrombie Field Parking
- Parks tour for Commissioners
- Energy Park funds with Friends of Recreation-for summer 2023?

Next Meeting Date: January 19th at 6pm

Adjourn – Motion made by: Myrt

Seconded by: Heather