

**City of Greenfield  
Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, June 17, 2021  
6pm**

**Attending :**

Christy Moore, Myrt Jaquay, Donna DuSell, and Barb Zaccheo

**6:02pm CALL TO ORDER**

**6:03pm REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Christy will review the April and May minutes and distribute asap.

**6:04pm PUBLIC INPUT/DISCUSSION**

- There was no public input however the Commission did discuss Taffy's interest in being replaced potentially by Danica and Christy or Donna will reach out to a Mahar guidance counselor, Christina McKenna. Christy will also reach out to Rachael to determine if she still has the time and interest to serve as a Commissioner.

**6:11pm DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Budget FY2022:**

- The City Council fully funded the Greenfield Recreation Department budget including the Fall 2021 Youth Center Coordinator position.

**Staffing:**

- Loren is celebrating her 3 month anniversary! Loren has 11 people registered to participate in the Amazing race. The Rec the Night events have been very well received and are moving the series forward.

**PARC Grant for the Skate Park**

- The public hearing was on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was well attended by roughly 30 people and demonstrated very positive support for the project. The Department has received the Historic Commission and National Heritage Endangered Species approval for the project and now Department staff need to write the main application.

**Youth Health Employment Grant:**

- The Department found out today that it has been awarded from the Attorney General's Office \$4,000 for lifeguard youth employment grant.
- There is still a wait to see if there will be any grant results for the covid19 PPE.

### **Summer Learning Program with Greenfield Middle School:**

- This is happening although the Department still needs 4 staff members for this program. It will be from 12-4pm at the Youth Center. Registration information is being shared tomorrow with GMS. Sessions are one week long. Registration is limited to 30 children and tuition is free. The program includes CPR, first aid, babysitting training, lunch and snacks and runs July 12 to August 12.

### **Teen Center Lift Zones:**

- Christy spoke to the IT Director and is working out final details with hardware and filtering for internet service at the teen center sponsored by Comcast. The wifi routers would be free for three years.

### **Highland Park**

- Christy shared a letter and photos from Alex Haro of 72 Hastings Street addressed to the Conservation Commission about alleged Greenfield Center School rope swings, fire pit, new biking trails, etc. in Highland Park. All items have now been removed and the park is back to its natural state.

### **Swim Area:**

- The Green River Swim area passed the water test today so it will be open for 7 days a week starting on Saturday.

### **Splash Pad:**

- Christy ordered the replacement \$250 switch for the step pad cover. It has been upgraded and is a new style in hopes that the Department will not need to replace it again. It has been replaced once before. Then the Department can reprogram the zones into two sections again instead of one.
- The Police have been issuing fines and scooting folks along that are camping and breaking the roof off the port a potty.

### **6:52pm OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Trash Collection:**

- Eight bags of trash were collected from Energy Park, Hillside park, and Green River swim area by Jason and Izzy that are funded from the Revolving fund.

#### **Community Action at Beacon Park**

- The proposed 45 minute playgroup on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday story walk will conflict with the Greenfield Public Library story walk scheduled prior to the Community Action request.

#### **Open Discussion**

##### **Skate park fundraising**

- This group will be meeting next week to discuss options for future fundraisers.

## **6:53pm NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fireworks:**

- The Department is moving forward with the event. Christy shared the poster. Last week, the Department deposited \$4,000 and donations are coming in slowly.
- The Commission elected Rick Roy as the Fortin Family award winner. Barb made the motion, Myrt seconded and all voted in favor.
- For marketing, the hanging of the posters by summer staff will be completed next week. Christy will record a spot for the radio tomorrow.
- The Department sent a press release about Street collection notification, donations still needed, and musical line up.
- Christy shared the sign ups list for street collection of fireworks funds at noon and 5pm.
- Christy asked for other ideas for fundraising however it's very short notice this year due to covid19 deliberations about having the event or not.
- Myrt made a motion and Barb seconded that to save on costs there will be a police presence reduction of 2 (not four) officers on the field from 6:30-10:30pm and one police office at Poet's Seat Tower from 6 (not 2)pm -10pm. There will be traffic control as usual. All voted in favor.
- A few vendors have been sending their paperwork- most are pretty much the same vendors as the Department has had in the past. Missing this year may be the train, smoothie and ice cream vendors. The Commission shared that vendors don't need to be on Gerrett Street- the normal location will work for this year.
- DPW generously covers the overtime costs to post all the signs.

### **Triathlon:**

- The Department confirmed that this event will happen. Christy also needs to recruit new committee members as two will be stepping down after this year.

### **Halloween:**

- Barb made a motion that the Rag Shag event will be on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, in 2021. Myrt seconded and all voted in favor.

### **Movies in the Park @ Beacon Park**

June 25: Trolls World Tour

July 16: Karate Kid

August 13: Tom & Jerry

September 24: Raya & The Last Dragon

### **Soap Box:**

- Donna reported and updated the Commission that there are sign ups so far including a few from Connecticut as racers. An organizing committee has been meeting. Paul Mark and Rachael Katz have agreed to be the “style” judges. Rachael has volunteered to make the trophies. Barb made a motion to support the idea of the Soap Box Derby being a fundraising event for the skate park as we will need additional monies for the project; Myrt seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Jim Olsen of Signature Sounds proposal for camping for Green River Festival near Dog Park:**

- Christy shared the email from Jim Olsen with the commission.
- Commission concerns about using the park for camping included lack of running water (except for a couple spigots at dog park), smoking, drugs, alcohol, noise, parking, density of 100 tents, disturbance of playground and dog park, covid19, security, porta potties, damage to grass, campfires, trash and recycling, electricity, lighting, and sharing of the proceeds with the City. Christy will share the Commission’s concerns with Signature Sounds.

### **Summer Camp:**

- Today the Department confirmed the rain site will be at GMS for all three programs! The Department is still in need of 2-3 staff if anyone has ideas? The Department will have 3 home bases for each camp, masks are not required and COVID screening needs to happen at home. The groups will still be separate and there will be limited sharing of supplies. No early or late care this year.
- Age groups are k-2nd grade, 3-6th grade, and 7-10th grade- most are unvaccinated due to age restrictions.

### **Open Discussion**

- Barb update on Community Preservation Committee. There will be roughly \$190,000 plus \$60,000 minus \$9500 in administrative expenses to distribute once applications have been approved by the City Council. The projects must comply with a set of criteria and be in the areas of housing, open space/recreation, and historic preservation. The group will meet monthly to develop a timeline, plan, applications, and do community outreach to issue these funds.

### **Court Square Streetscape Design Concept Plan**

- Christy shared the plan with the Commission.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Is there a timer for the Dog Park lights?
- Halloween fall 10/29/21 and covid19- Christy email Greenfield Business Association.
- Christy will approach the Mayor about the Energy Park property boundary.

- Donna agreed to research the screening of movies at the Greenfield Garden Cinema as a future fundraiser for the Friends.
- Christy will check if a port a potty could be rented for the Beacon Field movies.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 29, August 12, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 9, 2021 at 6pm

**Adjourn:** – Motion made by: Myrt Seconded by: Barb  
All voted in favor to adjourn at 8:11pm.