

Belmont Recreation Commission

May 12, 2015 Minutes

In attendance:

David Kane (Chairman); Ann Bere; Katy Bonnin; Anthony Ferrante; Lynn Findlay; Anne Helgin; June Howell (Management Liaison) Kathy Jones, Jensen Lozano, Selectman Jim Willams Not attending: Kelly Linehan

Notes key: BOS=Board of Selectmen, CPC=Community Preservation Committee, Recreation Commission = RC, Recreation Department = RD, Underwood Pool (UP), Underwood Pool Building Committee (UPBC),

I. Ongoing Business

A. Underwood Pool Update

- Targeted opening week of Aug. 7
- Pool will have slide
- Guard staffing for summer reflects opening date of pool
- Over 25 'limited season' family passes sold at \$100 each
- No formal UP programming for short season 2015
 - Programming sub-committee will stay in place to determine 2016 programming with focus on: a daily activity to bring elementary and middle-schoolers to pool in early afternoon; and, extending offerings to non-youth demographics

B. Grove Street Master Plan

- Option 1 of two plans presented preferred by stakeholders attending the 2015 public meetings
- To continue this project funding will be required for an Engineering study and the eventual development. Not all costs are eligible for CPA funding.
- Discussion of overall 'Parks Master Plan' for Belmont so that projects are not being examined in a neighborhood microcosm but with a wider view to Town-wide needs fulfillment.

C. PQ Tennis Court Update

- Renovation article in CPA passed. Construction on the 4 impacted courts at PQ will begin Fall '15 for Spring '16 season at an approx. cost of \$295K per court.

D. FY 15 Revenue Through April 2015 – Not shared or reviewed at this meeting.

- Revenue numbers as confirmed and stamped by the Treasurer to be provided to Commission as soon as possible

III. New Business

A. Vacancies in Recreation Department.

- Director position
- 1 FTE recently left who had programming responsibilities

B. Review and Discussion of Financial Task Force Recommendations (Anne Helgin)

- See distributed presentations attached (and recorded into these minutes as Addendum 1

- Role of Recreation Commission discussed: responsibilities set out in (See Addendum 2, Town By-laws Section § 40-325)

C. Tennis Court Renovations Working Group

- To assess demand across Belmont's town-wide 24 courts
- To prioritize, per user demand and condition, renovation costs (per court \$75K)
- Working group to include tennis player and RC representatives will be Anthony Ferrante and Jensen Lozano.

D. Election of New Officers – To be done at June 9 meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Please let June know if you have any items you would like discussed on the agenda by June 2nd:
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Addendum 1

Town of Belmont By-Laws Governing Recreation Commission
§ 40-325 Recreation Commission.

- A. There shall be a Recreation Commission consisting of nine members appointed by the Selectmen.
- B. The Selectmen acting as the Board of Park Commissioners shall be responsible for the operation of the Recreation Department and shall appoint a Director of the Department.
- C. The Commission shall be responsible for the establishment of policies for the use of all playgrounds and recreation facilities of the Town which are not under the control of the School Department. The Commission and the School Department shall cooperate to the end that optimum use may be made of all of the Town's recreation facilities.
- D. The Commission shall be responsible for the formulation of Recreation Department policy in the areas of:
 - (1) Facilities and maintenance;
 - (2) Recreation programs; and
 - (3) Long-range planning.
- E. The Commission shall establish such reasonable fees for use of any recreation facilities and programs as it deems to be consistent with recreation policy.
- F. The Commission shall prepare an annual budget for the Recreation Department to be submitted to the Selectmen for approval on a schedule to be established by the Selectmen.
- G. The recreation revolving fund established pursuant to MGL c. 44, § 53D, shall be subject to annual authorization by a vote of the Annual Town Meeting.
- H. Pursuant to MGL c. 45, §§ 5 and 14, and this section, the Board of Selectmen, acting in its capacity as the Board of Park Commissioners, and the Recreation Commission are authorized to jointly promulgate such rules and regulations for the use and government of all public parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers within the Town of Belmont as they deem necessary.

(1) Violation of any rule or regulation adopted under Subsection H shall be punished by a fine of \$100 and may also be enforced by noncriminal disposition as provided in MGL c. 40, § 21D ("§ 21D"). The penalty under said § 21D for such violation shall be \$50 for each offense.

(2) An enforcing person taking cognizance of a violation of any rule or regulation adopted under Subsection H shall give the offender a written notice to appear before the Clerk of the District Court having jurisdiction thereof for the noncriminal disposition thereof in accordance with the provisions of § 21D. The provisions of § 21D are incorporated herein by this reference.

(3) "Enforcing person" as used in Subsection H(2) shall mean any police officer of the Town and any other Town employee designated by the Board of Park Commissioners or the Recreation Commission as an enforcing person.

Addendum 2

Financial Task Force Recreation Opportunities and Recommendations

(Revenue Opportunity Subcommittee Presentation to the Financial Task Force May 11, 2015)

PPT file attached