

**Recreation Commission Meeting**  
12/9/2020  
Zoom Meeting

DATE: January 14, 2021  
TIME: 1:58 PM

**Commission Attendees:**

- Officers: Anthony Ferrante (chair), David Kane (liaison to CPC), Marsha Semuels (vice chair), Cortney Eldridge (secretary)
- Members: Paul Cowing, Theresa O'Connor

Town Attendees: Jon Marshall, Brandon Fitts (Assistant Recreation Director), Heidi Barberio

5:32pm call to order

**Review and approve minutes from 11/18/20**

Approved with revision: Cortney, Paul, Theresa, Marsha, Anthony

**Fall Program Report: Brandon**

- We are in the middle of "Fall 2" so discussion is on first half of fall programming
- 571 registrations (may be same child registered for multiple items)
- Joint event – movie – with Council on Aging and Belmont Library was successful
- 36 house submissions for Halloween contest
- Tennis reservations
  - 159 hours at Winn Brook (86 registrations); 17 hours at PQ (10 registrations); 178 hours (85 registrations)
  - Some complaints and feedback about private lessons at Winn Brook and Grove Street
  - When we open the registrations up for spring, encourage usage at PQ (e.g., Belmont Hill)
  - Future tennis discussion will happen ahead of the spring
  - Public meetings will be held in January and February for CPC project (500-foot radius from the park); youth organizations (including soccer)
- We have over 1,000 households in the system due to COVID/requiring registrations

**Skating Rink: Brandon**

- Belmont Hill and Belmont Day are in session and using the rink
- High school hockey is starting next week

**Recreation Update: Brandon**

- Schedule second meeting in January to invite tennis community for reservation and CPC discussions
- During meeting in February, will talk about strategic plan and general recreation commission business
- Brandon will reach out to commission members for 1:1s before January meeting
- Looking to summer – will we have staffing issues in the summer for the pool?
  - Might have some challenges certifying (everybody's has expired) but we haven't lost staff to other pools (because they were all closed)

**Committee Member Assignment Review**

- CPC liaison – David

- Payson Park – we need to take a leadership role; Recreation Commission has authority over that field; we should be insisting there is a comprehensive plan (Jay is on board) – Melissa to spearhead this – Linda Oats and Susan Croy are two of the main folks heading this up from the “friends” group
  - Melissa, Cortney, Jon, Jay, Sue, Linda can meet to get started and kick it off

#### **Directors Report**

- None

#### **Next meetings**

- January 13th 5:30pm public meeting for tennis discussion reservation
- January 27th 6:30pm public meeting for tennis discussion CPC
- February 10th 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned 6:17pm.