

**Recreation Commission Meeting**

2/5/2020

Beech Street Center

DATE: August 17, 2020

TIME: 2:05 PM

Commission Attendees: Anthony Ferrante, David Kane, Kathy Jones, Cortney Eldridge, Anne Helgen

Town Attendees: Jon Marshall, Chris Costello, June Howell, Jay Marcotte

**Regular business**

- Meeting minutes from January accepted

**Modular Space (currently used for temporary PD)**

Continue the discussion on possible recreation use for modulars police department is currently using

- Agreed to hold a public meeting in April (coinciding with our scheduled meeting April 18, 2020)
- Modulars are currently on Water Department property
  - They measure 64x84 feet and are roughly 5300 square feet
  - Could partition into separate rooms
- The Parks Department is currently housed in the White Field House and will be losing space next year
- The Police Department will be using the modulars until December 2020, assuming construction continues to move on time
- Dave Kane and Cortney Eldridge will join Jon Marshall in small community feedback meetings ahead of the April 2020 broader public meeting

**Update on the move to an Enterprise Fund**

- The plan is to establish the fund for FY21 and begin contributing to it; move the Recreation Department to it in FY22
- Must do more research and work to determine how the swimming pool(s) is (are) handled (cash generation vs capital expenses; on school property; etc.)
- In the next 6-8 months, determine how to operate and begin to forecast revenue and expenses
- Budget planning for FY22 begins in October/November 2020

**Summer Pool Schedule (Underwood)**

- We must take more time for cleaning and maintenance for the pool during the summer
- BATS program is unlikely to use Underwood this year
- Plan to open on the last scheduled day of school (June 17) on afternoons and over that weekend with full days beginning the following week
- Will open an hour earlier to the public this year
- Not sure how late (in the season) the pool will stay open, given Labor Day is late and school will start before then
  - It's hard to staff (lifeguards) once school starts since many of them are high school or college students

Meeting paused.

**Public Meeting on Chenery Kick Wall**

Mia Taylor presented proposal to erect a kick wall at Chenery

- Mia has met with Mr. McAllister, Belmont Recreation Department, and Belmont Soccer, all of whom are in favor of the kick wall
- It's roughly the size of a soccer goal – 24x8 feet
- Presented 3 proposed spaces that were agreed upon by Mr. McAllister and Belmont Soccer
  - No neighbors were present to support or object, but please see attached letters both in favor of and objecting to the proposed location(s) of the wall
- Belmont Soccer Association has agreed to pay for the wall
- It will be built by committee
- Timeline: build June 26-28 – the weekend after school is out

Discussion with Recreation Commission (and the public, who were not present)

- Discussed other location options given the community feedback
- Mia and Frank (or Jay) to do another site walk and see what other feasible locations exist

Recreation Commission Meeting reconvened

#### **Review Signage for Parks**

- Discussed current sign designs and Jon solicited feedback
- Commission Members to review signs and provide Jon electronic feedback so he can synthesize and make updates

Meeting adjourned.