

Belmont Recreation Commission

Minutes – May 14, 2019

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In Attendance: Kimberly Haley-Jackson, Anne Helgen, Anthony Ferrante, David Kane, Marsha Semuels, Cortney Eldridge, Jon Marshall, June Howell, Mary Bradley (arrived very late)

Administrative

- ❖ Minutes from March 12th approved
- ❖ Next meeting changed from June 12th to June 11th at 5:30 pm.

General

- ❖ Space/Marketing/Brochure
 - Loss of locations for programs next year, biggest being the field house. Losing space as of June 1st. Will not get back until September of 2021. Belmont Day looks promising for space. Scheduling will be different so that all programs get time. Beech Street Center will also be used. Will not be able to replace all programs.
 - Community Ed talks, ie how to move together. Better communication, partner together and have one brochure, produced by the Recreation Department and mailed out by Community Ed. Talks with Community Ed regarding space.
 - Suggestion to put together an advisory committee (Beech St. center/library/ media) to get together for better communication and no overlaps between programs)
 - Recreation has 500 followers on Facebook. Also have an instagram & twitter account. Town Day is Saturday. Belmont Journal piece on the defibrillator. Doing a raffle – take a photo with the defibrillator and post it page. Name will be put in for a raffle.
 - In talks with Belmont Day & Belmont Hill for field space for the sports groups who will be renting the fields. John & Frank will meet on May 21st with groups to get information on what is going on, etc. Trying to get Conley leagues to another field to free up Belmont Hill space for baseball.
- ❖ Field Lights
 - High School uses fields until 4, now will be 5. It poses a challenge for practice for sports groups. Talk about using temporary lights. Suggestion about looking into the data with usage. This issue needs the neighbors involved (newer lights are better than the old lights). Commission has to decide if they are in support of this and let Selectmen know. Then this can proceed with the process to have temporary lights.
- ❖ Signs at Parks
 - Parks need consistent signs. There are signs at fields for tennis courts where there are no courts. Rules signs are needed. Jon & June will check on what the fields have and let the Committee know.

- Message board will have schedules on them. Boards are going up in 5 parks. Not all parks have signs that dogs need permits.
- ❖ Outdoor Asset Inventory
 - List of fields will be updated and shared. This will help Jon understand what we have and use.
- ❖ Porchfest Request
 - Porchfest has asked for a fee waiver to use Grove Street. Approved motion for fee waiver after discussion.
- ❖ CPA Plan
 - What CPA projects does Recreation see coming up
 - Underwood Park
 - Fields

Dave would like Commission members to look over the CPP and give him any comments regarding this before June 8th.

- ❖ Updates
 - AED on fields. One on Town Field, Beech Street side. Message boards also. One Concord Avenue - donations were used for this. Independent electrician working with public works/light department.
 - BHS building project – Jon sat in on meetings . There is a proposal for one field to be turf and multi purpose. There was a discussion on lights that did not pass. It was mentioned that Recreation will lead discussion after schools are done.
 - PQ Project – nearing completion. Parks are working with contractor to finish up.
 - Rink – Meeting on the new rink to discuss the option public private partnership, May 30th 7pm at Chenery
- ❖ Financial
 - Year to Date - will go over at next meeting. \$100,000 swing – has to do with new brochure.