

DATE: November 17, 2021  
TIME: 2:06 PM

**BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2019  
MEETING MINUTES  
5:30 PM**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Anthony Ferrante, Marsha Semuels, Mary Bradley, Courtney Eldridge, Melissa Hart, David Kane, Kathy Jones, June Howell, Jon Marshall, Chris Costello

**GUESTS:** Residents from the Payson Park neighborhood came to express their views on the proposed bandstand at that park and concerns about the current condition of that park. Residents concerned about the lack of tennis courts proposed at Belmont High School came to seek support from the Recreation Commission.

Future Meeting Dates:

December 18<sup>th</sup>

January 15<sup>th</sup>

February 5<sup>th</sup>

**New Business:**

- Master Plan Refresh Project Overview  
Master plan that connects committees in town
- Vision 21 Committee  
Needs a Rec Committee member liaison  
Will nominate someone at the December meeting
- New High school building project excludes tennis courts  
Only sport that will not be on campus  
Needs five courts for competition  
Potential for expansion at Winn Brook  
Future meeting with concerned parents of tennis players, Jim Davis and John Phalen. Residents attending are requesting that five courts be added to the building plan of the high school  
The High School (team) has put in a request to play at PQ and Winn Brook in spring of 2020

**Payson Park Projects:**

- 31 neighbors signed petition against gazebo/bandstand
- Move that we decline to support the Payson Park Bandstand project due to neighbor and neighborhood concerns  
Rec Commission voted not to support the bandstand at this time. Five in favor, two abstain

**Payson Park: Potential New Friends Group:**

Discussion of proposal for Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding by a Friends of Payson Park group for Payson Park improvements

Guests: Linda Oates and Sue Croix

Linda and Sue joined to get an understanding of the CPC process

- How to create a "Friends of" group; what that means
- Understand what CPC is and how it works; timelines and commitments
- Laid out some items that would benefit the park (e.g., maintenance of equipment, fences, trees)

- Anthony and commission recommended they look more broadly at the park and get a group of individuals together to support the effort
- Cortney (currently working on Town Field CPC project) offered to support them with any questions.

**Payson Park: Motion to Vote on Bandstand:** Discussion and vote on recommendation to move forward with Payson Park Bandstand project

Recreation Commission motion: Move that we decline to support the Payson Park Bandstand project due to neighbor and neighborhood concerns.

- 5 in favor
- 2 abstain

**Welcome New Member Melissa Hart:** The Commission welcomes its newest member, Melissa Hart! She is currently the girls' basketball coach at Belmont High and the parent of a former Dolphins swimmer

**Chenery Kick Wall:** Anthony to invite the girls back to present at a public meeting on the proposed kick wall at Chenery Middle School.

**Tennis Courts at the High School:**

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- Suggestion is to find room for five courts at the High School
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**Other Recreation Department Business:**

- Jon provided a revenue update. We are roughly at expectations of where we thought we'd be.
- June Howell will be leaving the Recreation Department in March 2020.
- After one spelling update, meeting minutes from October meeting approved unanimously.
- Next meeting: December 18, 2020. Location TBD.

Meeting adjourned.