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DATE: December 10, 2020
TIME: 9:09 AM

Recreation Commission Meeting

11/18/2020
Zoom Meeting

Commission Attendees:

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

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

5:34pm call to order

Review and approve minutes from 10/14/20

Approve: Cortney, Paul, David, Marsha, Anthony

Community Preservation Act (CPA) – Tennis Courts: Jon and David

- Jon put forward a request for tennis courts at Winn Brook
- Will conduct public meetings/public engagement prior to presenting at Town Meeting
- Is working with Jay to create some space understandings (adding one or two courts?)
- Speaking with Craig White from Soccer as well as abutters
- Current plan is to submit proposal for November (for two courts) and back off if necessary
- Investigating whether administrative funds can be used for phase I/planning/design
- Anthony requested that a survey and drawings that clearly show the impact of the court or courts at Joey's Park be made available prior to public meetings. Jay Marcotte may be able to provide funds for a lot survey.
- Hope for two meetings: January and February

CPA – Payson Park: David

- Looking for cosmetic updates right now
- Doing designs but some discussion about whether just cosmetics is appropriate use of funding if the whole thing will need to be redone in the next several (within 5) years, which is likely given the age of the equipment
- Discussion on recommending the Friends group looks at this holistically (instead of piecemeal)
- Do we have the Recreation Commission start taking on park and playground projects?
- The Friends group may not be interested in replacing playground equipment, but DPW will recommend that the equipment is evaluated
- Jon will connect with Jay and relay our discussion and idea of requiring a holistic plan

Vigliolo Skating Rink Update: Brandon

- The rink is open! Opened last Monday (11/9)
- Eight High School students working there now
- Four-Five rink managers
- Belmont Youth Hockey is in full swing
- Waiting on Belmont High School hockey
- The proposal that was put in for a new rink was rejected; it did not work for both parties
 - A rink and a half is somewhere between \$8m and \$10m

Late Fall Programs: Brandon

- Wrapping up Round One of fall programs at Underwood and Payson Park
- Brandon will have a report for us hopefully next meeting
- Within the past week, a second round of fall programs started running at the Beech St Center
- The fall programming is pretty much sold out
- Will start programs in January in the Beech Street Center, and also outdoors; demand for programming has been high

Commission Packet: Brandon

- High level overview of everything going on; what can be handed out to Commission Members as we sign on
- An excellent guide with a few areas to add: what schools “own” or manage vs what the parks and Recreation Department “owns” or manages; who we work with and how; liaisons (e.g., select board)
 - Marsha and Brandon will follow up on this; if other commission members have feedback after reviewing it, please email Brandon

Administrative

- Recreation Strategic Plan: haven’t talked about it in a little while
- Budget review and potential service impacts: still under discussion

Ongoing business:

- Next meetings, all at 5:30pm:
 - December 9th
 - January 13th
 - February 10th

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm.