

Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes October 20, 2020, 6:00 pm

Meeting commenced at 6:04pm

In attendance: Eric Hoffses Dept. Chair, Board Members: Ail LeBlanc, Arielle Strzelewicz, Claudine Underwood, Program Coordinator Crystal Byron, Steve Savoie, Boylston Lacrosse, and resident Mark Anttila.

-Lacrosse Field

Parks & Recreation was approached by the Greater Worcester Land Trust about the potential for a town improvement project. The area will have 4 acres of flat, open land. GWLT will purchase the land, hold the deed and have a formal MOU with the Town of Boylston. Lacrosse would be interested in the installation and maintenance of the field. The board discussed the possibility of a possible lacrosse field with Steve Savoie. He stated lacrosse would be open to the idea but would need to raise funds to support the project. Eric mentions that there is the possibility that lacrosse could apply for grants in July 2021. Eric also states that the project could take years so there is no rush to raise funds. Eric will connect Steve and Colin from the Greater Worcester Land Trust. Mark Anttila asks about swimming at Camp Harrington. Eric and Arielle mention the liability insurance would be very expensive. Claudine states a lifeguard would need to be employed.

-Pickleball

Mark Anttila talked to the board about the possibility of reopening the Hillside gym for Pickleball. It has been deemed a low-risk activity by the State of Massachusetts. Mark spoke of nearby towns and how they are handling the rules and regulations to keep players safe and healthy. Including players bringing their own chairs, wearing masks, glove wearing when setting up and taking down the nets. Crystal states she will need to look at the Police Academy training schedule to see what days/times the gym can be used. Ali asks if we can set up online registration for Pickleball payments. Claudine suggests checks for players payment can be mailed or dropped off in the Gym mailbox. Mark shows the board the membership card the Town of Lancaster uses for their programs. He will send more information about the membership card program. Crystal will email the Police Academy and town administrator and ask about the gym cleaning and maintenance. Ali suggests making the downstairs gym bathroom unisex, so only one bathroom is used at this time.

-September Meeting Minutes

Claudine makes a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ali, all in favor. Claudine mentions the board needs to approve the August meeting minutes. Ali will type the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes.

-Website Maintenance and additional items

Crystal emailed Town Clerk, Dawn Porter to request that the Parks & Recreation Commission members and their term dates are updated on the town website. Eric asks about the potential

Parks and Recreation office move to the old library space in town hall. Crystal will email the town administrator to get an update and next steps.

Claudine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm, Ali seconded the motion, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Daher
Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator