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Lancaster Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 2/5/2019

Attendees:

- Recreation Director: Andrea Kiuru-Shepherd
- Recreation Committee Members: Joe Kennedy, Ken Pagington, Mark Renczkowski, Stephen Hutchinson, Dave Carr, Win Clark, and Katie O'Riorden
- Public: Matt Hourihan, Victoria Towne

Meeting Agenda:

- Public Comment Period
- Scheduled Appearances and Public Hearing
- Treasurer's Report
- Recreation Director Update
- Recreation Committee Update
- Old and New Business
- Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting Summary:

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm.

Public Comment:

- None

Scheduled Appearances:

- None

Treasurer's Report:

- No change since last month.

Balances:

Revolving: \$61,116.01
Other Property: \$600.00
Repairs/Maintenance: \$500.00
Beach Supplies: \$255.68
Groundskeeping: \$800.00
NTMP Project: \$73,372.95

Win motions to approve; Mark seconds. Unanimously approved.

Recreation Committee Update:

Trails

- Dexter Drumlin Walk: Both January attempts were cancelled because of weather. Will look to a potential date to reschedule in the spring before May.
- Possible Mark9 event. Mark will reach out to them again about the potential future demonstration and an educational event.
- Stephen is working with Mass Audubon Field Naturalist Volunteer to schedule guided walks. He will share final details for these and other walks once the group is finalized.

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- Proposed Topics/Dates: Winter Walk Scavenger Hunt/ March 16, Vernal Pools Exploration/April 27, Bartlett Pond: History and Restoration/ /May 18.
- Potential walk led by Wachusett Rangers, Jeanne and Stephen will look into this possibility.
- Stephen will reach out to Jay Moody about geocaching programming possibilities. Most likely for the summer.
- Stephen will reach out to Olga Torres about possibly partnering on February vacation week events.
- Cooks Conservation bridges will be installed in March/April.

Nathaniel Thayer Memorial Park

- The splash pad will be installed by the end of May. When done, the Master Plan will be revisited and next steps will be determined.

Fields

- Matt discusses the need to extend the field to an "intermediate" field for the 11 and 12 year olds in the baseball program.
 - New bases and plugs, a modified mound, new fencing, etc. will be needed.
 - Work will be contracted out.
 - Matt will reach out for an approximate cost to get the work done prior to the start of the season.
- Joe asks about the condition of the red shed adjacent to the field. Matt replies that it is not in great shape.
- Lancaster Recreation offers to help the baseball and softball programs to help make necessary updates to the field and shed. Matt will come back to the March meeting with an idea of what needs to be done and how much it will cost.

Beach

- Outreach for new lifeguards, swim instructors, and attendants will start immediately.
- Will advertise at Nashoba Regional High School, in the Clinton Item, and on Facebook.

Old and New Business/Recreation Director Update

Groundskeeper

- Andrea reached out to the teacher of the Transitions Program located inside of NRHS and was told that there is a possible student to fill the groundskeeper position.

Programming

- Yoga: No program as insurance is an issue.
- Outdoor Movie Night: Andrea is looking into it.
- Andrea will be meeting with Fabio _____ to discuss possible events/fishing.
- Guitar Lessons: Plan to start in March. Mark will determine venue.
 - He has been in touch with Scott Rossley, the music teacher at Mary Rowlandson Elementary, who is possibly interested in helping out.
 - Win will create a flier for the event.
- Farmers' Market and Concert Series: Andrea is working with Joe Mule and Steve Piazza to plan. Will reach out to World Market.
- Andrea spoke with Marilyn Largey (Council on Aging) about CPR training. Orlando shared with Andrea that it may be possible that we could use the AED from Town Hall at the beach for the summer.

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- Soccer: There is a free soccer clinic that will be happening in the spring, courtesy of BEST FC. They will also hold a soccer camp in Lancaster the week of August 5th. Lancaster Recreation will get a portion of the proceeds. They carry their own insurance.
 - o Nextflix has reimbursed the town for field improvements necessary due to damage of property by their equipment. Andrea will ask about the grading of the field behind the community center.
 - o Andrea also spoke with Reina Rago about an extended day soccer program.
- Yard Sale: Discussion deferred to next meeting. Andrea, Dave, and Victoria will meet on the topic prior to the next committee meeting.
- Senior Pen Pals: Andrea will be back in touch with Jen Frommer.

Andrea will be meeting with Sterling Recreation to talk about MyRec as opposed to ERec.

Advertising

- Andrea continues to look for ways to expand the reach of advertising for programs.

Meeting Adjourned: Stephen makes a motion to adjourn; Joe seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. Unanimous.

Meeting Reopened: Joe makes a motion to reopen the meeting, Dave seconds. Unanimous.

Joe makes a motion to approve the the Meeting Minutes from January, Win seconds. Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned (Again): Mark makes a motion to adjourn. Win seconds. Unanimous. Meeting is adjourned again at 8:09.

Next meeting is to be held on March 5 at 6:30 at Lancaster Town Hall.