

Lancaster Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda Zoom Meeting Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020 6:00 pm

Member Attendees: Katie O’Riorden, David Carr, Stephen Hutchinson, Andrea Shepard, Joe Kennedy, Ken Pagington, Mark Renzkowski,

Non-Members: John Farnsworth, Jay Moody, Victoria Petracca, Jane-Anne Crossman, Linnea Lakin

I. CALL TO ORDER: Called to order at 6:10

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Victoria Petracca gave short presentation on Community Preservation Act which yielded discussion about whether the group can/should be endorsing the CPA as a committee appointed by the board of selectman. It was decided that we could not vote to endorse today because it was not on the agenda, and that we will discuss with town officials to determine if it is alright to endorse as a committee.

III. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES & PUBLIC HEARING: No scheduled appearances

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: One beach pass and one test donation, not other activity

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Dave motioned to approve meeting minutes from April 28th, Stephen seconded, all in favor.

VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Committee vote to donate to memorial for Ted Manning – Discussion about \$100 donation for the purposes of engraving a stone at the flagpole by the new park for Ted Manning, longtime recreation committee member. The flagpole was recently refurbished as part of a Boy Scout Eagle Project. Joe and Stephen specifically recommended that we have guidelines in place for future donations. Dave motioned to approve \$100 donation for engraving of memorial stone in honor of Ted Manning, Katie seconded, approved unanimously.
- Discussion on guidelines/safety measures/processes regarding potential opening of following:
 - Ball fields – Tabled because they are not part of the current state Phased Opening
 - Playground and Splash Pad - Tabled because they are not part of the current state Phased Opening
 - Town Beach – Dave expressed concerns with our ability to open the town beach with the current social distancing guidelines and the policing of those guidelines by our youth staff. Stephen reiterated concerns. Andrea reiterated concerns. John Farnsworth offered that the BOH would back the decision of the committee. Joe asked John if we would be required to present a plan for re-opening to the BOH, John said that would be a good idea. Lively conversation about the idea of re-opening without guards/attendants with a “swim at your own risk” policy versus fully re-opening with social distancing/mask policies in place. Joe expressed a willingness to try to open the beach with lifeguards

and attendants, with no snack shack or paddleboard rentals. A ticketing system was discussed in lieu of season passes with call ahead booking, potentially opening only to town residents, and a zero-tolerance policy for those folks who do not abide by the rules. In the end, no vote was held to open/keep closed. Committee members are going to provide different situations for opening/not opening to the Fire Department, Police Department, and Town Manager in order for each body to provide guidance and recommendations prior to next meeting.

- Tennis Courts – Jane-Anne Crossman was present to ask about the re-surfacing of the tennis courts, including materials, striping, and timeline. Win was not present to provide those answers, so it was tabled for the next meeting.
- Planned to have next meeting for June 16.
- Katie motions to adjourn meeting at 7:20 and Dave seconds., unanimous vote.