

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

Minutes of Meeting

September 19, 2022

Attended: Chris Gerstel, Cynthia Chaston, Frederica Lalonde, Michelle Geddes, Dina Hannigan

Absent: None

Staff: Stacey Mulroy, Fabien Desrouleaux, Derek Moreau

Guests: None

Call to Order (CTO)

Mr. Gerstel called the meeting to order at 7:01pm on September 19, 2022.

1. Open Forum

None present.

2. Chair's Update

None present.

3. Director's Report

Park and Recreation Director Stacey Mulroy

- Court Badge Numbers with Date ranges
- How are badges used? (Digital, hard copy, on display at the courts)

Commission Comment: Are these Numbers just pickleball or tennis or both?

Director's Comment: No way to tell specific use of badge because they are not tracked separately.

Fall Programming

- Fall Programs began 9/19/2022 (today)
- Ice-skating instructors and ice-skating participants are needed.

Commission Comment: Mr. Gerstel asked if the department has reached out to the high school hockey team

Directors Comment: The Recreation Supervisor has reached out.

Fall Events

- Mural Project began 9/17-9/18 and 9/21
- Fall Cleanup scheduled 9/23-9/25 (25 Registrations)

Rosemary Pool

- Family pool is drained with small repairs being investigated (5-year warranty)
- Lap pool is covered until next season

Director's comment: Biggest upcoming issue is to fix the big filter.

Fields

- Porta-Pottie has been brought to Greene's
- Cleaning situation at DeFazio and Claxton
- Working with DPW on parking situation.
- DeFazio Discussions
 - Parking Lot
 - Tot Lot
 - Special Events

4. Additional Discussion Items

Capital Projects:

Directors Comment: Meeting with the Assistant Town Manger (Katie King) sparked discussion for focus group possibilities

- Focus group (Different groups: example – Representatives from P+R, DPW, Parks and forestry, and from each group involved).
- Discussions of Focus Group
 - What information will they provide (possibility of locations and plans to present)
- DeFazio parking lot

Discussions about DeFazio parking capacity on weekends.

- Multiple group events (same dates)
- Possible event changes

Discussions about "Feasibility" study:

- Action / Skate Park
- Dog Park
- Playgrounds
- Pickleball Courts

CPC

- Open Space Projects

Directors Comment: What and how is CPC looking for the information. (Email, document, or letter)

Commission Comment: Dina Hannigan stated that a document for CPC would be great along with the mention of Cricket Field House being an historic project.

Directors Comment: The land at Cricket is historic the building may not be.

Playgrounds and Facilities

- Tot lot Uses
- Premier Playground?
- Parking Lot Capacity
- Memorial Park's Vandalism (police are investigating)

5. Action Items & Approvals

YMCA - Adult Exercise: Contingent on Finding a User Fee

Motion – Dina Hannigan

2nd – Frederica Lalonde

5-0 Unanimous

Ridge Hill

- 34 Acres Of conservation Land

Commission Comment: What is being asked of the Commission? What is the land for?

Directors Comment: If the commission is in support of this decision.

Support for the purchase of land by Ridge Hill

Motion – Chris Gerstel

2nd – Cynthia Chaston

5-0 Unanimous

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Motion – Cynthia Chaston

2nd – Frederica Lalonde

4-0 (1 Abstained)

6. Topics For Future Meetings

- User Fees and Policies (For Spring, Summer, and Fall 2023)

7. Issues Not Reasonably Anticipated

- None Presented

8. Next Meetings

- Monday October 3, 2022
- Wednesday October 26, 2022
- Monday November 14, 2022

9. Adjournment of Business Meeting

Motion – Dina Hannigan

2nd – Michelle Geddes

5-0 Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47pm on September 19, 2022

Respectfully Submitted.

Derek Moreau Jr.

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