

Recreation Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2021

Zoom

Present: Vicki Donlan, Mark Thorell, Nandita Scott, Ryan Lynch, Adrienne Ramsey and Dwight Hartman
Visitors: Jacki Muh

- I. Vicki Donlan called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM remotely.
- II. A motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 1st, 2021 was made by Nandita Scott and seconded by Dwight Hartman. It was unanimously approved.
- III. Election of Officers: Vicki Donlan nominated Adrienne Ramsey as Vice Chair. Adrienne Ramsey was unanimously voted in as Vice Chair. Adrienne Ramsey nominated Vicki Donlan as Chair. Vicki Donlan was unanimously voted in as Chair. Vicki Donlan nominated the Recreation Staff as Secretary. Recreation Staff was unanimously voted in as Secretary.
- IV. Summer Programs: Mark Thorell touched on the enrollment numbers for the 2021 Summer Programs. 3,107 spots have been filled over the eight programs running. This is the first summer to have exceeded 3,000 spots filled for the summer. Mark mentioned 357 of those spots were for the new camp for fourth and fifth graders where enrollment has been lower in the past.
- V. Road Race: There were about 1,500 runners registered for 2021 and about 1,300 race finishers. Best agreed to match the \$50 family donations, which about 20 families signed up for. All of the final fundraising and race numbers will be run this week.
- VI. Turf Maintenance Update: Mark Thorell shared the spreadsheet of the Turf Schedule and Budget for FY 2022. Some of the July 2021 projects included filling the tripping hazards, core aerification, over seeding, starter fertilizer, edging the infields, installing the infield mix, and installing the mound clay. The year is scheduled out until June 2022. Mark mentioned Shrewsbury Landscaping was on site at South School today for the first day. The Rec office has hired four Field Maintenance staff members. The DPW has not been weed whacking the fields so Mark received a quote from New England Acerage to clean up all Hingham Fields. Adrienne Ramsey made a motion to allow New England Acerage to come in and clean up the 60 acres for up to \$7,000. Dwight Hartman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- VII. Fields and Court Permits: The Field Permit was updated to include verbiage about porta pottys and fires or grill usage. The permit can be found on the Recreation website. The Ward Street Field is still having issues with the well being filled with rust and dirt. Mark is working on finding a long-term solution.
- VIII. Fitness Room: The Fitness Room is now open 8:30am-5:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:30am-11:00am on Saturdays and Sundays. About 40 or 50 members have come back so far.

- IX. Budget Update: June was a loss of about \$125,000, which was due to prepaying for many of the summer field trips. There will be an update for the End of the Year Revolving Fund and the Road Race Fund Account in the August meeting.

- X. Other News: The Recreation Staff have been considering potential CPC projects for this years budget cycle. Some of the projects include reconstructing the street hockey rink, redoing the Cronin basketball courts, updating the Cronin playground, and working on the JV Softball and Cronin Baseball fields. Mark is going to be working on getting quotes and planning the details of the projects before the CPC meeting.

- XI. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

- XII. The meeting was adjourned.