

Recreation and Parks Meeting Minutes

01/23/2019

NOTE: The following is a **summary** of matters submitted at a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 39 and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws.

- 1) **Called to order:** 7:00 PM.
- 2) **Attendance:** All present.
- 3) **Minutes of last meeting:** Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting; all in favor.
- 4) **Reports (see attached):**
 - a) **Jaime:**
 - i) **Rehires:** Motion made and seconded to approve the following seasonal rehires for summer 2019: Mandy Dumas, Lily Gillis, Emily LaMontagne, Maddie Miller, Jeffrey Miller, Kyra Veprek, and Kendrick McDonald for playground, and Jack Garrard for sailing; all in favor.
 - ii) **New hires:** Motion made and seconded to approve the following seasonal new hires for summer 2019: Grace Kreisher for playground, and Sam Bradley for Sailing; all in favor.
 - iii) **Discussion:** Board agreed to absorb the cost for a pickle-ball fund raising tournament Saturday February 9. No other actions or addendum.
 - b) **Pete:**
 - i) **New hire:** Motion made and seconded to approve Sam Andrews to fill the vacant full time Groundskeeper position; all in favor.
 - ii) **COA proposal:** Motion made and seconded to approve COA lobby proposal (see attached) to be paid for by the Friends of the COA; all in favor.
 - iii) **Discussion (no actions):** Orne Rink Ice attempt; Stramski's; upcoming Seaside project.

5) **Topics:**

- a) **Fields update:** Bud Orne field to be converted to an all grass surface this summer. Plans for Gatchells to be discussed further. Town Administrator reports the donation money proposed to be used for the Reynolds' Playground Project is still on hold.
- b) **Budget:**
 - i) **Level funded budget:** Motion made and seconded to approve level funded budget (attached); all in favor.
 - ii) **Beach Parking:** Motion made and seconded to increase parking fees at the Beach to \$15 daily Mondays - Thursdays and \$20 daily Fridays - Sundays pending Town approval; all in favor.
 - iii) **Discussion:** The Town has asked for a proposal of 10% reductions to all budgets due to the School's shortfall and lack of "free cash". Discussion included: Asking the Town to allow Parking revenue currently reserved for only beach improvements to be allowed to be used to also support the operations of the department (currently \$69K+ in account); eliminating the Senior Clerk position; reducing seasonal beach help; implementing Field User's fees; reducing some line items in the General Budget; and raising recreation programs fees if able. Board agreed to consider all actions and meet next Thursday to vote on a 10% reduced budget.

6) **Requests:**

- a) **MS Walk:** Motion made and seconded to approve permit pending receipt of correct insurance; all in favor.
- b) **Memorial Bench:** Libby Moore's request for a memorial bench was denied due to the benches being for the deceased.

7) **Timekeeping:** Meeting Adjourned 9:43 PM. Next meeting scheduled: 1/24/19 at 7:30 PM.