

HARWICH RECREATION & YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING DATE, TIME, & PLACE:

Thursday February 16th, 2021 5:30 PM - Virtual
Remote at GoToMeeting
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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Mahan, David Nixon, Vahan Khachadorian,
and Michael Hurley.
Eric Beebe and Lee Ames

RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

None

RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

- ♦ Approval of Minutes from 1/21/21

A motion was made by Michael Hurley to approve the minutes of 1/21/21 as written; Vahan Khachadorian seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 4 in favor.

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- ♦ **CPC Articles** - At a meeting of the Community Preservation Committee, the Committee approved all of our three articles for funding including: Brooks Park Lighting, Senior Memorial Fencing, and Sand Pond Restoration. These articles will be voted at the May Town Meeting.
- ♦ **Whitehouse Field Scoreboard** - things are moving ahead with the scoreboard project. The Selectmen will soon vote to approve the donation from the Harwich Mariners for the lighting as well as the scoreboard. Design renderings of the scoreboard will be presented at this Commission meeting for final approval.
- ♦ **Whitehouse Field Lighting** - Selectmen approved the purchase of the materials for the lighting project at Whitehouse Field at their last meeting. These will be purchased by town administration and town engineer with the hope of installation for this coming season.
- ♦ **Spring Programming** - while we are still under corona restrictions, we are currently putting together a brochure for the spring to include continued after school child care as well as some outdoor programming such as T-ball, flag football, basketball etc.
- ♦ **Summer 2021** - We are working on a brochure for the summer season which will include a scaled back version of our normal summer camp, outdoor basketball, outdoor summer ball, and modified tennis lessons. We will soon be sending out our invites to returning summer employees in preparation for the summer season.
- ♦ **FY2022 Budget** - The Town Administrator distributed his budget and budget message to department heads and our budget is going forward as we submitted it for \$532,864. This is a 0.6% decrease from last year and meets the budget message requiring level funded budget or lower.
- ♦ **Town Administration** - Joe Powers and the Selectmen have approved the appointing of the new Assistant Town Administrator, Meggan Eldredge. Meggan has been the Health Director and she will take on the new role.
- ♦ Property Maintenance Report
- ♦ Budget Reports
- ♦ Chairman's Report
 - ❖ John reported to members he submitted and attended the Recreation annual report to the Board of Selectman last week and it went very well.

- ◆ Liaison Reports
 - ◆ Community Preservation Committee -
 - ❖ David Nixon told Commission members the total amount in project articles this year that were funded was \$2,577,449.00.
 - ❖ All of the CPC articles requested from Recreation passed and were funded.
 - ◆ Facilities Committee - Vahan Khachadoorian
 - ❖ No meetings.

MISC CORRESPONDENCE:

- ◆ Abutters Notice - Wychmere Harbor Overlook abutting property, notice of intent to Conservation to build a swimming pool.
- ◆ Cape & Islands Rowing Association UOF request for a fee reduction for Long Pond. After discussion by all members present the following motion was made.

A motion was made by David Nixon to approve the request for a reduced fee for tournaments and daily use of Long Pond by CIRA. CIRA shall pay \$750 per season instead of the standard rate of \$1000 per season. Michael Hurley seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 4 in favor.

- ◆ Letter of thanks from Michael Lach at the Harwich Conservation Trust.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Whitehouse Field scoreboard design vote. After discussion by all members present the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Vahan Khachadoorian to approve the Whitehouse Field scoreboard design as presented by the Mariners through the Harwich Athletic Association; David Nixon seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 4 in favor.

- ◆ Next regular meeting to be posted for Tuesday March 23rd, 2021, at 5:30 pm.

OPEN SESSION:

- ◆ John Mahan - BOS signed contract to purchase new lights last week.
- ◆ Eric Beebe - Updated members on the Sand Pond Restroom project. He has been referred on this project to Megan Eldredge, who is the new Assistant Town Administrator.
- ◆ Eric Beebe - Brooks Park incomplete restroom project has been denied a variance from state ADA and he is meeting with Megan and Joe to come up with a plan to proceed forward.
- ◆ David Nixon - The Brooks Park Lighting article is on hold until the extra funding needed is approved at this year's Town Meeting.
- ◆ David Nixon - Asked if anyone knew if Megan Eldredge has a procurement certification.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Vahan Khachadoorian to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm; Michael Hurley seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 4 in favor.

Submitted by:
 Lee Ames, Executive Assistant
 Harwich Recreation & Youth
 Secretary to the Commission