



CONCORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday February 23, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting Call – Meeting ID: 89379234652, Passcode: 269954

Present: Casey Atkins, Chair and Voting Member (April 2022, 2nd term)
Paul Grasso, Voting Member (April 2021, 2nd term)
Jennifer Lutz, Voting Member (June 2022, 1st term)
Paul Boehm, Voting Member (end of the month following 2023 Town Meeting, 1st term)
Pete Funkhouser (February 2023, 1st term)
Anna McKeown, Interim Recreation Director
Andy Dutton, Beede General Manager
Dick Jamison, Finance Committee Representative
Matt Johnson, Select Board Liaison

Not Present:
None

Meeting Start

Called to order at 7:05P

Recreation Committee Chair

Motion to appoint Ms. Atkins as the Recreation Committee Chair by Mr. Boehm.
Second by Mr. Grasso. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes from Recreation Commission meeting on January 5, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes by Ms. Lutz. Second by Mr. Grasso. All in favor.

Public Input

None

Recreation

Ms. McKeown shared Ryan Kane's resignation and her appoint as Interim Recreation Director. Ms. McKeown shared that the Recreation Department has a whole was positive and productively moving forward. Mr. Boehm asked about the next step with filling the position of Recreation Director and Ms. McKeown noted the that the Deputy Town Manager was currently and actively working with Human Resources.

Recreation Committee Appointments

General review. Ms. Atkins highlighted the importance of a committee member at CDC. Mr. Grasso noted the workload was most related to September-December meetings with important warrant article in January.

Operations Report

White Pond

Third public forum on February 9, 2021 was very positive and lots of community support: ADA path to the beach, direct path to the beach, switchback access area, general landscaping, natural erosion controls, tree removal that was most related to parking lot, beach mat. Ms. McKeown will share dates for Natural Resources Commission. Mr. Jamison highlighted email questioning storm water drain expenses. Ms. Lutz asked about the White Pond operational plans in summer 2021 and Ms. McKeown noted that the site operated well last summer and that this successful model will be used with possible addition of youth swim lessons.

Hunt

Spring/Summer registration opened February 10 with positive numbers. The adult programs continue with volleyball and pickleball with basketball being the addition. Covid restriction with youth basketball limited the number to 84 players doing clinics. Concord currently has four older age e-port teams with many K-6 programs. The financial assistance program was highlighted related to Concord residents with need. Minimum wage increases have impacted camps with slightly higher camp prices. Visitor's Center expanded its tours; finalizing its renovation and getting Concord articles published. School Year Programs remain with remote learning and after school, but will be changing with the pending new Concord Schools approaches. School Year staffing will be reduced.

Beede Center

Membership numbers down 360 from February 15, 2021 – February 23, 2021. This number represents annual, monthly, and 3-month memberships: Adults = 245 (2/15/20), 194 (2/23/21), -51 / Couple = 78 (2/15/20), 62 (2/23/21), -16 / Family = 244 (2/15/20), 191 (2/23/21), -53 / 65+ = 247 (2/15/20), 153 (2/23/21), -94 / 65+ Couple = 81 (2/15/20), 50 (2/23/21), -31 / 14+ = 42 (2/15/20), 47 (2/23/21), 5 / 80+ = 111 (2/15/20), 68 (2/23/21), -43 / Charter Adult = 31 (2/15/20), 18 (2/23/21), -13 / Charter Couple = 19 (2/15/20), 12 (2/23/21), -7 / Charter Family = 44 (2/15/20), 35 (2/23/21), -9 / Charter 65+ = 77 (2/15/20), 58 (2/23/21), -19 / Charter 65+ Couple = 60 (2/15/20), 42 (2/23/21), -18 / Municipal = 24 (2/15/20), 13 (2/23/21), -11 / 80+ free = 151 (2/15/20), 111 (2/23/21), -40. As a marketing follow up to the small eight page winter 2021 brochure, a 6"x9" postcard covered spring 2021. The main focus was Summer Camp and Beede Center. There was a promo to Beede for a free workout during the month of March. Targeting new members and former members, it reached 9000 households in Concord/Carlisle.

Recreation Commission

Recreation Administrative Code written in 1982 was review. General mindset to get specific at times related to commission objectives and needs. Ms. McKeown will share document and notes at the next meeting.

Reports from Liaison

Mr. Johnson (Select Board) noted Concord-Carlisle Youth Baseball/Softball backstop gift to the town at Rideout Park with Ms. Atkins notes a special thank you from the commission. Mr. Jamison (Finance Committee) noted that transfer charged to Recreation is being reviewed and the future transfer charges decision have yet to be made.

Public Input

None

Old Business

None

The next Recreation Commission Meeting will be held as a Zoom Meeting Call on Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00P. Ms. Atkins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:33P. Mr. Grasso seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes taken by Andy Dutton