

# PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

**Date: Thursday, January 7, 2021**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**Location: Virtual**

Playground and Recreation Commission  
Thu, Jan 7, 2021 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

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**Attendance:**

Present - Olivia D'Amour, Bill Scatolini, Marc Atkin, Steve Wickman, Stan Soja, Dave Trebbe, Bryan Litz

**Guests:**

Donna Johnson, Mark Manolakis (FOR President), Kathy Sarnelli,

### **I. Meeting Called To Order.**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Scatolini at 6:03pm.

### **II. Minutes from Previous Meetings Approved and Accepted.**

Motion made by Mr. Scatolini to approve December minutes, second by Mr. Trebbe, all in favor - no comments/corrections.

### **III. Bills Submitted for Approval:**

- a. T – Mobile
- b. Spec Pond Butler Building LN Bernashe Inc -\$63,376.40

### **IV. Budget Report**

- a. General Fund
  - i. Salaries - Fiscal year 21 - 40% this time. FY 2020 47% . Difference of roughly 7% due to being fully staffed in FY21.
  - ii. Expenses - 95% remaining this time last year, FY20. FY 21 53% expenses minimized due to COVID and program not running
- b. Revolving
  - i. Currently \$72k in revolving account. This last time this year \$85k.
- c. FY22 Budget and Capital Requests
  - i. Fiscal Y22 budget 1% increase was asked for
  - ii. Capital planning primary request - \$50-60k for equipment

### **V. Correspondence**

- a. Tinkham Road - BOS meeting many committee members and BOS expressed to exercise right of refusal but uncertain where money would come from
- b. Food Permit - 3 year contract w/ Pafumis at Spec Pond
- c. Michael Merrick - community service FYI

### **VI. Committee Reports.**

- a. F.O.R. (Bryan Litz/Steve Wickman)

- i. \$600 to food bank can drive for T-Shirts from FOR
  - ii. FOR undetermined on next fundraiser opportunity
  - iii. Discussed HOF Committee appointments - Olivia D'Amour will join Dave Trebbe
- b. Community Preservation (Dave Trebbe)
- c. Selectmen Liaison (Bill Scatolini)
  - i. nothing at this time
- d. Sports Associations/Committees (Bryan Litz)
  - i. Baseball committee, new members need to be voted on. Bryan proposing a layer of separation for P&R to no longer approve baseball committee members. Marc Atkin motioned 'recreation commission will no longer approve baseball committee recommendations for new members' seconded by Stanley Soja - unanimously voted for.

## **VII. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting.**

## **VIII. Old Business.**

- a. Winter Programs
  - i. Basketball 256 signed up - down about about 200 / 40-50% drop standard for 2020 due to COVID
    - 1. Drafts were held and teams to be established in the next day or two
    - 2. Basketball - Gyms being used - Memorial School/TWB
    - 3. High school league pending response from WMS about gym usage
  - ii. Dance registration ongoing Mid Jan – May
  - iii. Art class/mad science, etc registration ongoing
  - iv. Snow shoeing / Cross country potential - Wilbraham country club denied request - Fountain park request pending

## **IX. New Business.**

- a. Elections
  - i. Elections - 1 year term
    - 1. President - Bill Scatolini
    - 2. Vice President - Stanley Soja
    - 3. Secretary – Jon Stogner
    - 4. CPA Liaison - Dave Trebbe
    - 5. Selectman Liaison - Bill Scatolini
  - ii. Motion made by Mrs. D'Amour to appoint commission members to positions, second by Mr. Wickman, all in favor.
- b. Memorial School
  - i. Kathy Sarnelli and Donna Johnson attended for support of Pickle ball courts in town.
  - ii. Proposed CPA Application for pickle ball, dog park, skating rink at Memorial School - turf renovations as well. Discussions ongoing around using Memorial around community center / inside and outside renovations.
  - iii. Stan proposed a study - \$25k request - wants to ensure there are activities for large scale community involvement across all demographics.
  - iv. Discussions continued around options and prioritization for aforementioned projects and future of Memorial School (will town lease out building, sell or continue to own for town usage).
  - v. Motion to submit requisition to CPA by Bill Scatolini as written by Bryan - seconded by Olivia D'Amour, approved unanimously
  - vi. Option B, location of projects should Memorial School not be an option, should be decided upon for submission to CPA - Bryan took as action item
  - vii. Adjusting the CPA requisition to 300k - motioned by Bill Scatolini, second by Steve Wickman - unanimously approved

## **X. Adjournment.**

Motion made by Mr. Scatolini to adjourn at 7:54 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steven Wickman