

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Attendance:

Present - Olivia D'Amour, Jon Stogner, Dave Trebbe, Bill Scatolini, Bryan Litz, Stan Soja

Absent - Marc Atkin, Steve Wickman

Guest - John Broderick

I.Meeting Called To Order.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Scatolini at 6:04pm

II.Minutes from Previous Meetings Approved and Accepted.

Motion made by Mr. Scatolini to approve the Jan 7 minutes, second by Mr. Soja, all in favor

Motion made by Mr. Scatolini to approve Jan 20 minutes, second by Mr. Soja, all in favor

III.Bills Submitted for Approval:

a. T – Mobile - \$63.00

b. Whips (Rec. Bball Uniforms) = \$3,673.50

C. LN Bernash - \$74,186.45

IV.Budget Report

a. General Fund - Total personnel services in 2020 was 48%, in 2021, 54% of personnel services spent to date. Staff has focused on less spending for the fiscal year. In 2020, 97.75% was spent compared to 59% in 2021

b. Revolving - Balance as of Feb 6 , 2021 is \$78,842.96 compared to \$76,943.15 in 2020. Close to a \$2000 increase.

V. Correspondence

Mr. Litz received an email from Mark Manolakis about a possible gym renovation at the Housing Authority which could create an open gym for future use for younger athletes. Not sure of the status of the project but a great opportunity.

A reminder email was sent out about email communication for committee members pertaining to Open Meeting Law

VI. Committee Reports.

a. F.O.R. (Bryan Litz/Steve Wickman) - committee will meet Feb 10

b. Community Preservation (Dave Trebbe) - Rec proposal was submitted to the CPA, conversation was had by the committee for proposal, synthetic rink questions, concern about financial backing and master plan from 2006 which has changed slightly over the years for other areas of town. Master plan was for Spec not other town areas for recreation. Mr. Litz will be meeting with the board to answer questions on Feb 25

Mr. Broderick commented about the timing of the projects and the amount of money that is slated in the CPA account. If all projects were approved, they would be over budget. The board also addressed some concerns with the possible location of the projects due to the uncertainty of Memorial School. Other areas are being looked at and Mr. Litz will address those concerns at the Feb 25 meeting.

c. Selectmen Liaison (Bill Scatolini) - none at this time

d. Sports Associations/Committees (Bryan Litz) - Need to have a conversation with girls and boys lax field usage prior to the Spring season. Girls lax remains under the rec umbrella while boys have separated from the department but would like field usage. Baseball board has added 2 new members

VII. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting. None at this time

VIII. Old Business.

a. Memorial School - Department has submitted letters to BOS about future projects with usage of Memorial School to understand the future usage for this property. No updates pertaining to the letters have been received. Proposal has 3 CPA projects (pickleball, dog park, ice rink) on this property

b. Winter Programs - Basketball Pre K-2 has been going well with live stream. Grades 3-8 has had issues streaming at TWB with the school IT department. Glitches seemed to be worked out for this weekend. HS rec league is starting up soon. Draft has taken place and games begin this weekend at WMS

IX. New Business.

a. 2021 Seasonal Pay Scale - No changes for the 2021 season

b. Spring Programs - U9 and U11 baseball tryouts will be held soon, girls and boys lax looking for field time, volleyball, softball and track and field will continue to run in the Spring.

c. Summer Programs - Letters will be sent out to some 2020 employees to see if they would like to return for the 2021 season. Summer brochure is being designed with summer offerings.

d. Field Rental Application - Looking to keep the 2021 application and fees the same as 2020 to keep consistent with other towns and the money that is generated each year. Conversation was had to keep the Legion Baseball fees the same as last year as a discounted rate since teams consist of HS Chaug players. The department will work with the HS to host more practices and games at Chaug to off-set fees. Board members were in favor.

X.Adjournment.

Motion made by Mr. Scatolini to adjourn at 7:12pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jon Stogner