

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, May 7, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting

Present: Dennis Grader Chairperson, Barbara Kuklewicz, Vice Chairperson, Albert Cummings, Secretary, Jon Dobosz, Director of Parks & Recreation, Jennifer Peterson, Clerk/Bookkeeper

Meeting Not Recorded Due To Technical Difficulties

1. 5:46pm Meeting Called to Order

2. 5:46pm Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2020

Motion: Barbara Kuklewicz makes a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Albert Cummings.

Approved: 3-0

3. 5:47p.m. Rutter's Park Parking Concerns Update

Jon spoke with Lake Pleasant resident George Shapiro in regards to parking at Rutter's Park. Jon will recommend to Steven Ellis, Town Administrator, to allow parking along the street during the day and allow parking at the park overnight. This issue is on the agenda for the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday.

4. 5:58p.m. Programs & Services Update Relative to COVID-19

- All Spring Programs have been cancelled which included Tee Ball, Rookie Baseball and our cookie dough fundraiser. Our Adult Softball could potentially have a shortened season. An anticipated revenue loss of \$10,000 - \$12,000 is expected.

- Summer Camp is still in question. Social distancing, wearing masks in the heat and sanitation are among a few of the issues that we face. Jon has been in contact with the staff determining how many plan on returning; as it stands right now all but two plan to return.

5. 6:05p.m. Annual Town Meeting & FY21 Budget

- Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for June 13, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 pm at Turners Falls High School Gym. The town will be working with the school's facilities director to ensure safety. They will prioritize articles so that people aren't held too long at the meeting. There will be another meeting scheduled for the fall. Jon recommended that our Montague Center Survey Article be held for the fall meeting. He would like more time to work on the article.

- FY21 Budget: If the Annual Town Meeting cannot be held we will operate on 1/12 budget until an annual meeting can be held.

6. 6:13p.m. Discussion and possible adoption of M.G.L. c.110G, regarding the use of electronic signatures by Council/Board/Commission members pursuant to Amendment 13-7 to the Massachusetts Deed Indexing Standards 2018, effective April 17, 2020

Motion: Albert Cummings makes a motion to adopt the M.G.L. c.110G; seconded by Barbara Kuklewicz.

Approved: 3-0

7. 6:16p.m. Parks & Recreation Director Report

Jon established a PayPal account. The Soap Box Derby was the motivation behind the account but all program registrants will now be able to pay on line.

8. 6:18p.m. Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirement

Unity Park basketball courts were heavily used this past weekend. The people using the courts were not social distancing or wearing masks. Jon would like to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen to temporarily close the courts.

Motion: Albert Cummings makes the motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to close the courts until further notice; seconded by Barbara Kuklewicz.

Approved: 3-0

9. 6:26p.m. Adjournment – Motion: Albert Cummings makes the motion for adjournment; seconded by Barbara Kuklewicz.

Approved: 3-0

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Albert Cummings, Secretary Date Or _____
Signature Name & Title: _____
Print: _____
Date: _____