



Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minutes | September 15, 2020

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM**
2. **Roll Call:** *Kerr, Cerio, Trahan, Lafrenz, Frost, Wu, Selwig, Overaa, Lynch*
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2020: Approved**
4. **Open Time for Public Expression:** None
5. **Interview**

Commission interviewed Anna McEarlane, who applied for the Dog Park Steering Committee. Anna is a frequent visitor to the dog park, and often volunteers at their work parties to assist with park improvements. The Commission approved her appointment to the committee.

6. **Financial Report**

Mauk gave a presentation on the 20/21 financial standing of the Recreation Department, which is independent from the rest of the Town's budget. The numbers she presented are likely to change, given the current changes and restrictions we are facing week to week. Revenue for outdoor sports like Soccer is doing well, just down slightly from last year. Childcare, which is the largest source of income, is down due to restrictions on group sizes, and we have more staff for fewer children. *Mauk* estimates a \$170,000 deficit for FY 19/20. Recreation staff is working hard to create programs that follow guidelines and generate revenue.

7. **Discussion Items**

- a. **Utility Box Project**

Kevin MacLeod gave an update on phase 2 of the Arts Commission Utility Box Project. Seven new utility boxes around town will be painted by local artists. The project was funded by a local GoFundMe campaign, as well as sponsorships. The new designs were chosen by the Arts Commission, and boxes will be completed by October 31st.

- b. **Fall Program Updates**

Fall programs include 23 Elephants, Parkside Preschool, limited afterschool enrichment classes, virtual programming, and outdoor sports. Recreation is also brainstorming virtual community wide Halloween Activities.

- c. **Memorial Park Update**

Kerr gave an update on restoration of Memorial Park. The topographic map of the park has been completed. Peter Arnold of Abey Arnold Assoc. will outline a few options for the field improvements, which will be presented at the October or November meeting. The improvements will focus on drainage, irrigation, turf, and safety. It is hopeful that work will begin after the baseball season 2021, and



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completed by next Fall. There is a separate volunteer group organizing to improve the playground area.

8. Commission comments & questions, requests for future agenda items: Open Space Committee update

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM. CD