

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2019

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Attendees Present: Mitch Bregnard; Chairman, Ed Westhaver,
Linda McCabe, Chris Leard, Mike Weber
Sherri Gurnon; Director Mansfield Park & Recreation
Mary Sellner, Assistant to the Director

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
2. Minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting from April 2, 2019.
Motion: By Ed Westhaver to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2019. Seconded by Mike Weber. Motion passes, 4-0. (Linda McCabe arrived after the vote)

3. Facility Requests:

- Self Help Inc.- Carol Carver
Memorial Park Playground; Wednesday, May 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Sherri Gurnon informed the board that Ms. Carver would like to have any fees waived for the event.
Motion: By Chris Leard to waive fees for the event. Seconded by Ed Westhaver. Motion passes, 4-0.
- Bay State Games- Kevin Cummings
Lower Memorial; Friday, July 19, 12:00 - 5:00pm (set-up); July 20 - 21, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Motion: By Mike Weber to approve a \$500 fee for the event. Seconded by Chris Leard. Motion passes, 4-0.
- Mansfield Youth Flag Football- Jim Minton
Lower Memorial Field; Saturdays, September 7 - November 16; 6:30am - 5:50pm;
Friday, October 4 & 11; 5:00 - 8:30pm; Sunday, November 17; 6:30am - 5:30pm
- West Side Benevolent Circle- Dawn Saba
Fultons Pond- Summer Lunch Program- distribution location
Wednesdays, July 3 & 17, August 7 & 21, 12:00 - 1:00pm
- National Black Doll Museum- Debra Britt
Abolition Day/Community Heritage Day, South Common;
Saturday, October 5, 10:00am-5:00pm
- African Dance Workshop- Chafiafou Tokou; North Common, August 10, 12:00-2:00pm
Sherri Gurnon informed the board that she sent this to the Select Board. It is an event that could end up being a big event, and the Select Board have their own requirements for events.
- Wedding- Tanja Singleton; South Common, September 7, 2:00-3:30pm
Sherri Gurnon informed the board that she sent this to the Select Board. It could be a bigger event than expected, and the couple will be having a horse drawn carriage. The Select Board has their own regulations and felt they should review the application.
- Whole Heart Wellness- April Pascarelli
Outdoor Yoga, South Common; June 2 - September 29, 5:00 - 6:00pm

Ed Westhaver stated that if Ms. Pascarelli is charging for participation, we should charge her a fee.

Motion: By Mike Weber to approve a \$20 fee per class that the Yoga is able to run with no fee charged on cancelled classes. Seconded by Chris Leard.

Motion passes, 4-0.

4. Old Business:

-Duck Race is Wednesday, June 27.

-Sherri Gurnon updated the Commission on the Plymouth Street Playground. Unfortunately, there was no change. Along with no decision on the playground, the NPGF has asked for the \$12,000 donation back as the canopy that was going to be paid for by the \$12,000 cannot be bought or installed in the time limit instituted by the NPGF. Ed Westhaver asked if the Recreation Commission could help move the process along. Mitch Bregnard suggested inviting Kevin Dumas, Town Manager, to the July Recreation Commission meeting and talk about the priority of the playground. Sherri Gurnon will invite Mr. Dumas to the July meeting.

-Sherri Gurnon updated the Commission on a program room. Ms. Gurnon met with Kevin Dumas and Mike Ahern regarding the Dispatch Building that would be emptied once the new Public Safety Building is open. The COA (Council on Aging) will fit the best into the Dispatch building as it will require less renovation. Catherine Coyne, Library Director, informed Sherri Gurnon that they will not need the COA space when they vacate it. Ms. Coyne suggested that it would be a better fit for the Recreation Department to do our recreation business in.

-Mitch Bregnard informed the Commission that there were 101 registrations for the Fishing Derby with 71 participants. There were 210 fish caught.

7. New Business:

-Sherri Gurnon informed the Recreation Commission that the Massachusetts Walking Tour is stopping in Mansfield to do a concert on Friday, June 21. We were on their path this year. It will officially kick off the summer entertainment.

-Mary Sellner, Asst. Director of Mansfield Parks and Recreation, will be full time starting July 1.

-The Recreation Scholarship will be awarded to Tessa Garufi. Ed Westhaver will be present on the awards night to present the scholarship.

-Sherri Gurnon asked the board to review the addition that needs to be added to the turf field rules at Plymouth Street field. The addition would state: No tents/canopies within gated field area.

Motion: By Ed Westhaver to approve the change in the rules regarding Plymouth Street turf field. Seconded by Mike Weber.

Motion passes, 5-0. (Linda McCabe was present for this vote)

-Duck Race is Wednesday, June 26. Sherri Gurnon asked for volunteers from the Recreation Commission. Ed Westhaver and Mr. Chris Leard will be in the water; Mitch Bregnard will do the announcing; Chris Leard and Linda McCabe are available to help, as well.

Ed Westhaver asked Ms. Gurnon to check if the scouts were going to help out. He felt they were an asset in retrieving any ducks that got through. He also suggested that a second net be

put up, as well. The first net gets clogged with the debris that comes down at the release of the dam and that allows ducks to get over the first net. Second net will trap those ducks.

8. Questions and Comments:

Allen Bryer, member of Open Space and Recreation Committee, was in attendance at the meeting to observe. Mr. Bryer asked to put on the agenda of a future Recreation Commission meeting. He would like to talk about Recreation's objectives and goals.

9. Next Commission Meeting: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 6:00pm, Town Hall.

**10. Motion: By Ed Westhaver to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Leard.
Motion passes, 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda McCabe
Recreation Commission Clerk



Date