

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2019

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

Guests: Team Members of Ace Archers-Todd Wilson, Ethan Gordon, Nathan Wilson, Catherine Botsford-Milne, Carl Gladstone, Stephanie Gesa, Abby Gordon, Tom Miller, Sean DiStefano, David Strans, Paul Avilla, and Anthony DelViscovo

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting from May 28, 2019.

Motion: By Mike Weber to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2019 as written. Seconded by Chris Leard.
Motion passes, 4-0.

3. Visitors:

At 6:10pm, Allen Bryer, Open Space and Recreation member, brought a questionnaire that he would like the Recreation Commissioners to fill out and return to him. It had questions regarding parks and programs that the Recreation Department oversees. In addition, it asked the Commissioners their opinion on various parks usage and the public's perspective on activities and parks available in the Town of Mansfield.

At 6:20pm, Danielle Carr, Vice President of Mansfield Youth Lacrosse, came before the Recreation Commission to request permission to do a Lacrosse Expo during the Mansfield Youth Soccer games. The intent of the expo is to bring the game of lacrosse to the Mansfield youth and inform the youth/families of the game of lacrosse. MYL would like to put up a tent and do a mini scrimmage between the MYS games to further explain the game of lacrosse. Ms. Carr requested any two Saturdays in October.

At 6:30pm, Tom Herrington, Ace Archers, appeared before the board to discuss his permit suspension for disciplinary reasons. On July 11, Mr. Herrington was seen near the summer camp teaching archery lessons without a permit.

Mitch Bregnard addressed Mr. Herrington, asking him how long he has permitted with the Town of Mansfield. Mr. Herrington stated that it had been 14 years. Mr. Bregnard followed with stating that Mr. Herrington was very familiar with the permit process. He continued stating that Mr. Herrington was looking for additional practice time for some of his archery students. Sherri Gurnon offered Hutcheson Field, and denied his use of Lower Memorial where the archery classes are permitted to use on the weekends only. The denial was due to the summer camp use of Memorial Park and Ms. Gurnon felt there was a safety issue with campers near flying arrows. Ms. Gurnon stated that her priority during the week, during the day is the safety of the Summer Camp campers. Parents would not have wanted to see arrows flying anywhere near their campers. Mr. Herrington stated that he asked the camp director if it was okay, and Alan Weintraub, Camp Director, said that it was okay as they weren't using

the field. Mr. Bregnard asked Mr. Herrington if he has ever received a permit from Mr. Weintraub, and Mr. Herrington answered "no". He went on to state that had Sherri Gurnon not happened to have visited the camp that day, we would have never discovered Mr. Herrington's violation. Mr. Bregnard stated that he used the field he wanted to use even though he was denied the use of it and yet was offered an alternative location.

Team members, students and parents of Ace Archers, spoke in support of Tom Herrington and what the Ace Archer's program means to them. They stated that there are no fields around that can support archery competitions, and the loss of the program would devastate many who participate in it.

Chris Leard interjected stating that Mr. Herrington ignored the decision of the Parks and Recreation Director in her denial of the use of Lower Memorial, and went down there and chose to do what he wanted to do. He looked for someone to tell him "yes" behind her back. Mitch Bregnard informed Mr. Herrington that the "rules of behavior" speak clearly on violations and suspensions when these rules are broken.

Chris Leard finalized all discussions by stating that the Recreation Commission needs to decide if Ace Archers should be suspended the remainder of this season (1 week already suspended and there are 2 other weekends that remain this season) or if it warrants a longer suspension.

Motion: By Mike Weber to suspend the permit for Ace Archers for the remainder of his permit for this year. Ace Archers can reapply next year and the approval will be at the discretion of the Recreation Commission.

Seconded by Chris Leard.

Motion passes, 4-0.

4. Facility Requests:

- Attleboro Cub Scouts- Fishing Derby, Fultons Pond
Saturday, July 13, 7:30 - 11:00am, Rain Date- Sunday, July 14
- Special Olympics Soccer Tournament- Rachel Chulock, Plymouth Street, Turf Field & 11v11 Field
Sunday, October 20, 7:00a - 3:00p

Motion: By Chris Leard to approve the date and waive the fees for the use of Plymouth Street facility for the Special Olympics Soccer Tournament.

Seconded by Linda McCabe.

Motion passes, 4-0.

- Mansfield Youth Soccer- Desmond Doyle, Plymouth Street
Saturdays- 8.17 - 11.16, 7:00am - dusk, Monday - Friday- 8.18 - 11.15, 3:30 - 8:00pm
Columbus Day Tournament, 10.12 - 10.14, 7:00am - dusk

Motion: By Mike Weber to approve the dates requested by MYS for the use of Plymouth Street fields. Seconded by Chris Leard.

Motion passes, 4-0.

Motion: By Linda McCabe for the Mansfield Parks and Recreation to retain the Plymouth Street fields all day Sunday at the discretion of the Mansfield Parks and Recreation office to permit to other groups. Seconded by Mike Weber.

Motion passes, 4-0.

5. Old Business:

- Sherri Gurnon informed the Recreation Commission that there are no updates to present regarding the Plymouth Street Playground.
- Sherri Gurnon updated the Recreation Commission on locating a program room. As it stands right now, the COA would like to move out of the library and into the police station now that the police will be moving to the Public Safety Building. The COA expressed that their space at the library would be a good location for the Parks and Recreation Department. There has only been a preliminary discussion at this point.

6. New Business:

-Sherri Gurnon informed the Recreation Commission of Mansfield Youth Soccer's' request to take over the Little Kicks program that the Recreation Department currently runs.

Motion: By Mike Weber to deny the request by MYS to take over the Little Kicks program. Seconded by Linda McCabe.

Motion passes, 4-0.

-Ms. Gurnon updated the Commissioners on the Summer Camp enrollments and that because of great staff and the personality of Alan Weintraub, Camp Director, many weeks are full.

-Sherri Gurnon updated the Commission of April Pascarelli's yoga classes. Ms. Pascarelli has been experiencing low attendance, therefore, Ms. Gurnon asked that the fee that was voted on at the last meeting be waived.

Motion: By Mike Weber to table the idea of waiving the fees until the next meeting or at the end of her session to give it a chance to increase in attendance.

Seconded by Chris Leard.

Motion passes, 4-0.

-Ms. Gurnon informed the Recreation Commission that the fall registrations start on July 29. It is the 3rd year of the Community Yard Sale.

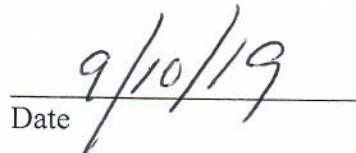
**7. Next Commission Meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 6:00 PM.
To be held at the Town Hall.**

**8. Motion: By Chris Leard to adjourn. Seconded by Linda McCabe.
Motion passes, 4-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda McCabe
Recreation Commission Clerk


Date