

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2021

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Attendees Present: Mitch Bregnard; Chairman, Linda McCabe; Clerk, Patricia (arrived at 6:15pm), Chris Leard, Mike Weber, Ed Westhaver, Sherri Gurnon; Parks & Recreation Director, Mary Sellner; Assistant to the Recreation Director

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting from June 7, 2021.

Motion: By Ed Westhaver to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2021 as written. Seconded by Mike Weber.
Motion passes, 4-0.

3. **Visitors:** None.

4. **Facility Requests:**

- Mansfield Youth Soccer- Desmond Doyle
Plymouth Street; August 22 – November 23
Monday – Friday: 3:30pm-dusk; Saturday- 7:00am-dusk; Sunday- 12:00pm-dusk
Columbus Day Tournament- All grass & turf; October 9-11, 7:00am-dusk

Motion: By Chris Leard to approve the request as written except Sundays will be retained for town use at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. Seconded by Ed Westhaver.
Motion passes, 4-0.

- MYF&C Jamboree- Michelle Goff / Scott Smith
Memorial Park; August 28, 8:00am-3:00pm;
Mansfield Football & Cheer fall field use request
Memorial Park; August 2- October 31, Monday-Friday, 5:00-8:00pm
Hutchason Field; August 2-31, Monday-Friday, 5:00-8:00pm

Motion: By Mike Weber to approve the request as written. Seconded by Ed Westhaver.
Motion passes, 4-0.

- Yoga- Jade Beals
Fultons Pond; October 2, 12, 26, & November 6, class is one hour in length
Sherri Gurnon requested all fees be waived due to very small enrollment (5 students).

Motion: By Ed Westhaver to approve dates requested and to have the fees waived.
Seconded by Chris Leard
Motion passes, 4-0.

- Matthew Green- Hutchason Field permit 07.24.21, withdrew request 07.14.21
- MUASC- Mitch Bregnard
Plymouth Street Grass & Turf Field;
Sundays, August 15 – November 21, 8:00am-12:00pm

Motion: By Ed Westhaver to approve the request as written minus the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend as conflicts with MYS request. Seconded by Mike Weber.

Motion passes, 3-0-1.

5. Old Business:

- Sherri Gurnon updated the Recreation Commission regarding the Plymouth Street Playground. A proposal has been drawn up by Waterfield Designs and Mike Ahern, DPW will help do some of the work to bring the costs down even more. The Bid goes out in November and construction to start in the Spring 2022.
- Sherri Gurnon briefed 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, 50 West St. Many meetings have taken place to discuss how to utilize the building. Chris Leard will attend the next meeting on Wednesday, July 28, as a representative from the Recreation Commission.
- The Portable Tent usage language was changed and clarified on the registration forms for all fields. This was requested by the Recreation Commission at the June 7, 2021 meeting. It states that all shading devices are prohibited.

Motion: By Chris Leard to approve the Portable Tent Use restriction language as written on the Field Reservation forms. Seconded by Linda McCabe.

Motion passes, 5-0.

6. New Business:

- We are waiting on the schools to decide on the use of their facilities. On hold is volleyball, basketball and the craft fair. The request will be submitted the beginning of August.
- Sherri announced that we had a new yoga program. It is on the South Common. It's running six weeks and has about 10 participants.
- Ms. Gurnon informed the Recreation Commission about the Memorial Park Light Project that is being financed by the Mansfield Municipal Electric Department. They approached Sherri regarding the replacement of the lighting at Memorial Park with extra money they had. It will be part of the Master Plan for Memorial Park and will be done once that plan is completed.
- Sherri stated that the July New Year Photo Challenge location is the South Common, and the August New Year Photo Challenge location will be the Plymouth Street NRT Trail.
- Duck Race 2021 is cancelled due to the businesses just getting back after being closed due to COVID. The Mansfield businesses provide all of our prizes we offer. Ed Westhaver asked if we could do a September Duck Race and scale back the number of prizes. It was discussed and agreed that it was better to wait until June 2022.
- Ms. Gurnon stated that the Southern New England Admirals asked that we offer tickets at a discount through our office. The games are August 14 and 28 and held on the MHS turf field.
- Mansfield Co-Operative Garden spaces are full. Sherri explained it is a good space for those living in apartments of just not enough space to grow a garden.

- Ms. Gurnon advised the Recreation Commission that Stefanie Kueck, DPR Construction, is looking for a site for a Little Free Library they would like to construct. Linda McCabe suggested Fultons Pond.
- Sherri Gurnon was excited to inform the Recreation Commission of the Eagle Scout, Ryan Morely, donating giant outdoor wooden games. There were 16 games in all. Examples are: Giant Jenga, Cornhole, and Connect Four.

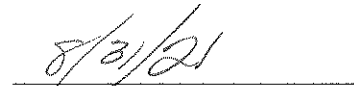
**7. Next Commission Meeting: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 6:00 PM.
To be held at the Town Hall.**

**8. Motion: By Ed Westhaver to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Weber.
Motion passes, 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda McCabe
Recreation Commission Clerk


Date