



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES*
APRIL 11, 2022
VIRTUAL ONLY MEETING**

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

a. Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jason Corbin

b. Roll Call

Members: Jason Corbin, Ian Kaiser, Michelle Low, Amy Forbes, Kay Moore, Jennifer Lewer and Larry Carlson

Alternate:

Absent: Bob Cruickshank

Others: Carole Aaron, Select Board Liaison

Guests: None

2. Review of the Minutes from the March 21, 2022, Meeting

a. Motion to approve by: Michelle; Seconded by: Larry Approved 7-0

3. Old Business and Follow-Up Items:

a. Select Board Meeting Presentation (Committee)

Larry – provided an overview of the presentation Jason, Michelle and Larry made to the Select Board on Tuesday March 29, 2022. Feels as though it was well received. “Next Steps” page was important, and the point was made in various places of the presentation that pretty much all we want to do will most likely not happen unless the voters approve the Cultural and Recreation Director position on June 14th.

A link to the presentation as well as all the results have been posted to social media as well as the Town’s home page and Parks & Rec page on the town site.

Carole – commented that she thought we did a great job.

b. Status of Landscape Architect and Possible Grants (Kay)

Kay provided an update. We have received references from two of the three as of now. Also asked for some clarification on expenses from ALA. One of ALA's references is another landscape architect who could help with grant writing. In addition, Oak Point mentioned that they do have access to grant writers and could help with the application process.

Has not received information from Sebago except for a question about on site versus Zoom expectations. Seth from ALA did inform Kay that they would envision one site visit at the beginning of the process and two community charettes, one at the beginning and one at the end.

They will all attend the May 9th meeting.

All – discussion on the May 9th meeting and how to best handle: in person vs Zoom. The concern being that if it is done virtually, then the group going first is at a disadvantage as groups 2 & 3 will hear everything they are saying. Kay will go back and ask them what their thoughts are. Larry will also check with Matt to see if there is any way legally we can interview them without it being broadcast...which we doubt will be allowed.

c. Update on Plein Air

Amy – very close to having the website done. Gathering information on what other events, besides painting, that we would like to do on the actual day of the event.... for instance, downtown and across the bridge. Have put feelers out and just waiting on responses.

d. Update on Bonaire

Michelle provided an update. Plans are coming together very smoothly. All the bands are in place. Lighting, sound, staging all looking good. Will need approximately 30 volunteers. Mostly 2–3-hour shifts – more for information and directions etc. 10AM-6PM. Budget wise – have spent around \$11,000.

Amy brought up a concern on publicizing the event as we want to make sure we have a good turnout.

There was some discussion on the budget and if the Cultural & Recreation Director position does not pass, our budget reverts to \$16,000 (Article 25) on the June ballot.

e. Cultural and Recreation Director Position Communication - (Ian)

Ian worked on a letter which was sent to Jason to be sent out. Jason wanted to get Committee feedback and read the letter. Michelle and Larry will work on a revised letter for Jason's review and Ian will send it out.

f. Tennis Updates: backboard and court cracks (Kay)

Kay provided an update. USTA program is a go for this summer. It will be a three-week program, twice per week beginning in July. Kay also spoke to Tom Torno this week about the backboard. They now have all the supplies and will probably be ready in June. Jason asked Kay if she had spoken to Matt regarding the crack in the court. She has not but Matt did bring it up at a Select Board meeting. She will follow up with Matt.

g. Update on Yoga in the Park (Larry)

Larry showed the proposed flyer for Yoga in the Park. There were no issues with it, and we will start publicizing it in May or even June as we do not want to do this too soon or people will forget about it.

Michelle brought up the QR code for donations and making sure that it works. Larry will follow up with Mandy to make sure any donations are being credited to Parks & Recreation.

4. New Business and New Ideas

a. Review of Town Treasurer Reports

We did not have the report to review and deferred until next meeting

b. Return to "hybrid" meeting discussion

Larry suggested that we return to hybrid meetings as more of the Committee will be back in town. Everyone is okay with that.

c. Opening of Tennis & Pickleball

Larry has been in contact with Tom Torno who confirmed that their intent is to have them open by April 15th. Last fall, we had decided that the "official" open/close dates would be April 15th and November 1st realizing that the

actual dates could be earlier or later depending upon Public Works' schedule. Also, the Agamenticus sidewalk is still being worked on and he will ask that the construction equipment only take up half the parking lot until they are finished

d. Status of Volunteers

Larry – we had approximately 26 people who had expressed an interest at various times in the past (includes people that have recently expressed an interest as a result of Michelle's social media efforts). Sent out an e-mail at the end of March to check their level of interest. Four people came back and said they do not currently have an interest, 2 said they are still interested but not to the extent they have been in the past. 12 people have not gotten back to me...so at this point, we are really working with approximately 10 people.

5. E-Mail Correspondence Since Last Meeting

Larry: generally, it has all been around volunteers

6. Public Comment*

None

7. Other Business

None

8. Follow-Ups Items

- Reach out to landscape architects to determine preferred way to proceed on May 9th (Kay)
- Check with Matt to how we need to handle the May 9th meeting procedurally (Larry)
- Save the Date and other information publicizing Bonaire (Michelle)
- Make final revisions to Cultural & Recreation Director letter (Michelle & Larry), to be reviewed by Jason and sent out to other Committee Chairs by Ian
- Follow up with Mandy to make sure donations via the QR code are being credited to Parks & Rec (Larry)
- Follow up with Matt regarding cracks in the courts (Kay)

9. Next meeting

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be the 2nd Monday of May (9th) @ 12 noon. This will be a hybrid meeting

All in favor of adjourning. Adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Carlson, Committee Member

****Please note that every effort is made to capture the essence of the meeting in these Minutes; however, they are not an exact replication of all items discussed or comments made. If you would like an actual replay of the meeting, please click on the link below which should allow you to watch the entire April 11, 2022, meeting on Town Hall Streams (Duration:1:21:48).***

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