

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

Members Present: David Oliver (Chairman), Lori Arnott, Bobby Enos, Heather Rogers

Members Absent: Tim Downey, Kristin Hatch

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director, Angelina Lammie

Call to order: 5:30 pm

Public Hearings:

A) Community input about Motta Field & Skate Park-

Public Comments:

- Walt Winnowski, resident at Seashore Point read a letter of opposition to putting the Skate Park on Motta Field. Too much noise and residents are trying to rest or recuperate. Asks that the commission look into other locations in town. Asks if the space between the parking lot and the Jerome Smith field be used for the park?
- Sheila McGuinness, Trustee and Director of Residences reads two letters of concern regarding the Skate Park on Motta Field. One letter is from Trustees and Board members of Seashore Point. The other letter is from ten residents at Seashore Point. Also wants to know how much the Skate Park is actually being used. Asks how to find out about future meetings.
- Cathy Nagorski, Provincetown resident, wants to make the commission aware of issues with the soccer field on Jerome Smith Road. The goals have blown over, goals are bent, nets are torn and the equipment needs some attention overall. Also asks the commission to look into a turf field for Motta Field, similar to the one at Nauset High School. Expensive initially but can be attractive for visitors looking to hold events and programs on the field.
- Resident of Seashore Point-Will there be more meetings that the public can attend?
- Resident of Seashore Point-What are the other spaces being considered?
- Resident of Seashore Point-How are you getting usage data?

Recreation Commission Comments:

- David Oliver – No decisions have been made on where Skate Park will be moved. We are looking into improving Motta Field entirely and final decisions will be made down the road. The commission is looking for as much public input and as many opinions as possible so that we can hear all sides. There will be many more meetings and all of our meetings are public. The only other options being considered are a small space near one of the playgrounds but that is also a residential area. We are also looking into how much the Skate Park gets used. We don't know how often it is getting used because we aren't down at the Skate Park all day, every day, year round. We have to rely on public input for usage data. We are having a land survey done so that we can find out exactly what we own before we move forward.
- Bobby Enos-The land survey is important so that we know where our boundaries are and can figure out what else will fit on the field. We want to revamp the whole field so that it can be used as a walking track, a soccer field, a baseball field, and really create a nice space for the community to utilize.
- Brandon Motta – I just want to make it clear that the Recreation Commission simply makes a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen in this process. The Recreation Commission does not have the final say on where the Skate Park will be located. It is important that as many people as possible come forward at future meetings with their opinions regarding the Skate Park so that the Recreation Commission can make the best recommendation possible. The soccer field at Jerome Smith is part of a leeching field so it cannot be built on. I'm not sure if the space between the parking lot and Jerome Smith field is big enough for a skate park and if it is part of the leeching field too. The plan is for the building of the Police station to begin in April 2019 so we are looking to give the Board of Selectmen a recommendation in November. This process is just starting so there will be several more public hearings and opportunities for people to come forward. We are hoping to get the opinion of those that use the Skate Park regularly. Future meetings are posted on the town website. We will also be posting about the meetings and online survey at the Skate Park.

- B) Discussion and vote on 2018 Summer Program fees-

Public Comments:

None.

Discussion was tabled until the next fiscal year. David makes a motion to keep current fees for the Summer Program. Lori seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

New Business:

- A) None.

Old Business:

- A) Motta Field Survey – Brandon and Angel review each question of the survey and its results. The results are very broad and only 162 people completed the survey. Bobby suggests an edited, more refined survey in order to get more specific results. Lori agrees that more specific results are needed. Brandon says he will look into refining the survey.

Director's Report:

- A) Adult Dodgeball – Brandon reports that there are 4 dodgeball teams signed up with the potential of one more team. Dodgeball matches begin tonight and will go on through mid-March.

Assistant Director's Report:

- A) Battle of the Badges –Angel reports The Battle of the Badges game was a huge success with \$937 raised for the 7th & 8th grade Costa Rica trip. The police won with a final score of 32-46.
- B) February Vacation Childcare – We will be offering childcare during February break, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm. We have a lot of fun games and activities planned for all ages.

Attachments:



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Dear Recreation Committee Members,

As neighbors and abutters of Motta Field, we the undersigned Trustees and Board members of Seashore Point strongly object to locating a skateboard park or other activity within earshot of our building, which houses many of Provincetown's most vulnerable citizens. Each year, we provide care and services to more than 150 patients and residents in our nursing home that faces Motta Field. We provide affordable housing and community fee apartments that face Motta Field.

Seashore Point is a non-profit community that, since 2008, has enabled the Town of Provincetown to stem considerable financial losses by closing its municipal nursing home while continuing to benefit from the only skilled nursing facility within 35 miles. What once was a drain on the Town's economy has become a boon to it. By building and selling condos for people aged 55 and up, we have added to and support the local affordable housing stock, have generated employment, and continue to contribute significantly to the economy of the town.

Owing to topography—where sound falls downhill from Motta Field, right into our property—and the horseshoe shape of our building, noise from a skateboard park or other loud or obvious recreational activity is detrimental not only to present residents, but also to prospective buyers.

It is not in the Town's best interest to impair the enjoyment of the community. It certainly is not in the best interest of Provincetown's vulnerable residents to be confronted with an incursion of noise. And to have Motta Field's activity too loud or too visible would do both.

We have been good neighbors. And we ask the Town to return that favor by locating activities away from Seashore Point, or not at all on Motta Field.

Sincerely,

Elaine Anderson, Trustee and Resident
Marcia Bradley, Board Member
Cindi Gast, Board Member
George Haller, Board Member
Susan McDonough, Board Member
Jim McGowan, Trustee and CFO
Sheila McGuinness, Trustee and Director

Reverend Dr. James Mentzer, Trustee
The Very Reverend Terry Pannell, Board Member
Denise Ratcliffe, Trustee and Administrator
Reverend Matthew Wissell, Board Member
Christopher Sintros, Trustee, Board Member, CEO
Ken Weiss, Trustee and Resident
Burt Wolfman, Board Member and Resident

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David O makes a motion to adjourn.
Lori D seconds.
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.