

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

Members Present: David Oliver, Kristin Hatch, Bobby Enos, Heather Rogers

Members Absent: Tim Downey

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director, Angelina Lammie; Jeffrey Ribeiro, Town Planner; Tim Famulare, Conservation Planner; Dennis Minsky, Open Space Committee

Call to order: 5:30 pm

New Business:

- A) Land Acquisition for Park Purposes (Tim Famulare & Dennis Minsky)-Brandon M. explains that the town of Provincetown is looking to purchase land from Alaina Hall to use as a park open space under the care of the Rec Dept. Dennis M. explains that the town already has the funds for it from the land bank fund and that there is no encumbrance on tax payers. Dennis M. hopes to get the word out better than the last time this topic came up. He believes that people were confused before but by getting the word out and giving everyone more information people will be more interested in the town purchasing the property. Tim F. adds that one noteworthy piece to think about is that this could be the last opportunity to have town owned waterfront property that preserves a harbor viewscape from Commercial Street. Dennis M. suggests that everyone on the commission come by and look at the property. Jeffrey R. asks if the funds need to be used by 2020. Dennis M. explains that 2020 is only when the funds stop coming in but isn't necessarily when they need to be used by. Bobby E. asks if there are any restrictions with the purchase of the property. Tim F. explains that that's what is currently being negotiated. Kristin H. asks if any of the funds from the land bank be used for development of the property or will the town be requesting more funds. Tim F. says that they could possibly be back for more funds or they could apply for CPA grants or other available grants. Tim F. states that they will be back at another Rec Commission meeting before Town Meeting with more information so that they can ask for the Rec Commission's vote of support.
- B) Motta Field/Open Space and Recreation Plan (Jeffrey Ribeiro)- Jeffrey explains that the Local Comprehensive Plan is a plan for the town that should be revised every 5 years and updated every 10. Currently we are way overdue for an update. Part of the LCP is the Conservation & Open Space & Rec Plan. The last one was updated in 2012 and will be due for an update in 2019. Motta Field should be central in the COSR Plan. Over the next few months we will be developing the LCP and as it goes on it will give us a better idea of what direction to go in with Motta Field. This will allow for time for public discussions to get input on what the members of the community want from their open space areas. It is specifically on the docket in the spring and potentially for spring town meeting. In Nov/Dec we can talk more about goals and what we have in mind for Rec plans. Also, we need to look into what the state will allow and won't allow for Motta Field based on their deed restrictions.
- C) Payment Policy for Youth Programs-Brandon explains that we had several families this summer register for Rec to hold a spot and then never attend the program. He adds that this is a problem because it holds a spot and causes us to turn other families away. He suggests adding a deposit requirement to the Summer Program. Kristin H. makes a motion to require a 50% deposit on Youth Programs. Heather R. seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Director's Report:

- A) Skate Park-The new counter devices are in and installed. We will have a count for the commission at the next meeting. The water damage did cause us to miss about a month of counting in the summer.
- B) Lions Club Request-I will be submitting a request to the Lions Club to see if they can replace the doors and possibly the roof on the garage at Motta Field. This garage has their corner stone on it. I was told by a member that it just needs to be submitted in writing so I will do

that as soon as possible. They also have donated their large grill to the Rec Dept, which is very generous of them.

Assistant Director's Report:

- A) Summer Program conclusion-The Summer Program was another huge success this year. We had about 60-70 kids per day and filled the weeks with a lot of fun activities. We went on various field trips and went to the beach once a week. I think it will be beneficial to have the 50% deposit next summer to encourage families to utilize the spot they are holding in the program.
- B) Afterschool Program-The Afterschool Program is underway with about 45 kids registered for various days. We have about 25 kids per day so far. When they arrived we have a snack, complete homework and then try to go outside as much as possible. If we can't get outside then we have activities in the Rec rooms.

David makes a motion to adjourn.

Kristin seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.