

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING
Minutes of Wednesday, March 24th , 2021**

Members Present, Robert Enos, Cathy Nagorski, David Oliver, Kristin Hatch and Heather Rogers

Members Absent: Michael Miller and Brandon Quesnell

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director Caroline Thompson; Provincetown Film Society, Heidi Bolinder; Eva Enos Chair of the School Committee; Principal of Provincetown Schools, Timothy Reynolds.

Call to order: Cathy calls meeting to order at 5:31 pm

Public comment: Members of the public will be allowed to speak in the order they have called in. All public comments will be limited to 3 minutes, and this is the only section that the public will be allowed to comment.

Board Member statements: Board members will be taken by alphabetical order by last name followed by the chair being last:

Robert Enos II- Happy Spring

Kristin Hatch- Along with Robert's comment excited for the Spring Event

Michael Miller- Not Present

David Oliver- No Comment

Heather Rogers- No Comment

Brandon Quesnell- . Not Present

Cathy Nagorski- Thanks everyone for their efforts at the last meeting and the productivity. Thanks town staff as well.

New Business:

A) Discussion with the School- Votes May be Taken

Eva Enos introduces herself as the chair of the school committee. Thanks Tim for also being present to offer his perspective.

Timothy Reynolds introduces himself as the Principal of the Provincetown Schools. Appreciates his relationship with Brandon.

Cathy thanks both for attending and just wants to open the conversation to see how the Recreation Commission can help the school and the Recreation Department work together and utilize resources.

Brandon Motta says he and Timothy have a good relationship and talk to each other often and want to hear what the Recreation Commission would like to see. Cathy asks if Tim and Eva have any ideas.

Tim shares how recently Recreation has helped them with child care and how now they are starting to work on Summer School.

Eva is thrilled to hear about the relationship between the two organizations. Would like to remind everyone about the role of the School Committee . The best way to collaborate would be through Suzanne. The school committee focuses on policy, budget and revolves around the role of the Superintendent. Anything that Suzanne can identify that the school committee would need to act upon, she would bring it to them. Open to biannual meetings to get to know one another and come up with goals.

Tim thanks Eva for making that important point.

Cathy then goes to the commission for topics.

Robert thanks both Eva and Tim for being here. Have been struggling to identify who to communicate to. Hopes to have many meetings with Tim and Suzanne in the future, especially in regards to the Motta Field Project. And how we can better collaborate together to work together and provide more.

Kristin is happy to meet Tim and Eva. Step in the right direction and being able to work together and collaborate on future projects would be great.

David Oliver thanks Tim and Eva. Shares he has spoken with Suzanne and appreciates her efforts as well. I Think it is important to work together, especially with the Motta Field project.

Heather thanks both Tim and Eva for coming and looks forward to working together in the future.

Cathy shares that the question of who “owns” Motta Field has come up and would like clarification.

Brandon Motta shares that he has shared before that the Town of Provincetown owns the field and the Selec Board has the final say and the Recreation Department

Eva throws out that the two should work together for extracurricular activities.

Brandon and Caroline add how they look forward to collaborating and working together with the adults and kids best interest.

Tim and Eva thank the board for the invitation.

B) Provincetown Film Society Application Preliminary Discussion- Votes May Be Take

Heidi from the Provincetown Film society shares what the organization is looking to do with a Drive In Theater on Motta Field. Details of what she is looking to do is shared and discussed.

Brandon Motta shares that the Town of Provincetown has not made a decision of large events in town. The Select Board and the Board of Health will be meeting in April to make a decision. Brandon wants to share this application to have a preliminary discussion and reserve their vote until more information is provided from the town.

Cathy opens the application to the Board for questions.

Robert asks if they knew where on the field they plan on setting up.

Heidi says she would like the board's advice because they would like to direct the sound away from abutters.

Brandon Motta talks about there would have to be a plan about possible damages that could occur.

Kristin shares she has worked for the Film Society in the past and is hopeful. Asks Brandon if he knows how many cars park on Motta Filed by the Lions Club- Brandon shares 200 along the perimeter.

Heidi shares that they have hired a Covid Compliance officer and staff members will be available for crowd control. Krisitn asks about alcohol and Heidi says they do not plan on it.

David asks about the sound and would this be something the organization would deal with the abutters. Brandon Motta says yes it would be part of their planning process.

Heather thinks it is great since she has been trying to get the department to do movies on the field.

Cathy thanks Heidi and would definitely be willing to revisit and give a vote when the town makes a decision in regards to the large events.

Robert asks Brandon M. about any conflicts during that time.

C)Goals for 2021 & 2022 Fiscal Year- Votes May be Taken

Robert shares his thoughts on what the goals should be. Would like to work with the school and then set some sort of definitive step over the next year and a half for Motta Field and then create a maintenance plan for the facilities. Also promoting the programs and our facilities. Long term goal possibly getting the funding to get a new Recreation Building.

Kristin asks Bobby what he means by a new building?

Robert says reconstructing the building they are already in. Krisitn says that is interesting and is curious what the town has in store or in discussion on these capital improvement projects. Krisitn also appreciates the school and looks forward to collaborating.

David is excited about Motta Field. Just hope we can get done what we want to do. Worries about the adults coming forward having doubts. Where are we with Motta Field at the moment

Brandon Motta updates David on where we are with the project.

Cathy thinks continuing collaboration is important. Echo what Robert shared about facility maintenance and would like to see this become a priority.

Brandon Motta echoes what everyone said but also brings up the Skate Park.

Cathy asks the board where they would like to go, suggesting Caroline compile a list of what everyone has shared and then revisit it at the next meeting to finalize some goals.

Sub Committee Reports: Votes May be Taken

A)387 Commercial Street Working Group Update:

Working group sent the recommendation to the Town Manager. The firm is in budget and has been awarded the project. A contract is now in the works and the public process should start in April.

Cathy shares it was a great experience for the Working Group and will make it easier for Motta Field.

Old Business

A)Town Meeting Presentation for CPC Grant Request- Votes May be Taken

Need to pitch the Motta Field project well to the CPC. A lot of people view the field as underused.

Brandon Motta was hoping Mike would be at the meeting because of his background in PR. I Think we need to give a history of the field and why it needs to remain a green space.

Looking for ideas on how we can pitch it.

Robert shares that he understands there is a perception that it is underused and thinks that it needs to be part of the pitch and how that is false.

Kristin suggests we can impact voters who may not know alot about it by getting people up at the microphone to support the project. Have 5 or 6 people who have something positive to say and will convince others and show them that there is support and is a gem of Provincetown.

Cathy thanks Kristin for her input and how helpful it is.

David agrees and thinks we need to show them how the project will impact Provincetown.

Brandon thinks we should work on it as a sub-committee.

Cathy suggested meeting on April 14th and the 28th as a back-up. Anything that would need to go to the Town Meeting would need to take place before the 28th.

B)Motta Field Sub-Committee Discussion- Votes May be Taken

Cathy suggests waiting until the grant is approved and then the board will preliminary discuss moving forward with a subcommittee.

C)Phase 3 Step 2 Outdoor Amateur Sports Update- Votes May be Taken

Brandon Motta shares the new state guidelines in regards to sports. It is the commission's decision if we want to keep the guidelines the same or change them.

Robert sees no reason to relax our restrictions. I Think we should keep them and then re-visit every meeting based on cases.

Brandon agrees

David also agrees but definitely thinks that come April 14th if things are still going well it should open up.

Cathy suggests putting this on the April 14th agenda so we can revisit.

Directors Report:

A) West End Basketball Court Update- Votes May be Taken

Brandon shares the updated drawing of the West End Basketball court. Work permit was received. Fencing end of May. Pavement will also commence in May, Slight delay however will be back within budget.

Cathy asks about signage that can be put or put online with the closure notice.

B) Spring Sports Update- Votes May be Taken

Brandon shares that after gathering a lot of information from families with a recent Spring Sport Survey, the department has organized two spring sports that will start during the week at the end of April. On Mondays 3 v 3 Basketball will be offered and on Fridays Soccer for grades K-8th will be offered as well. Registrations have gone out. Still looking into getting Tennis

C) Adult Programming Suggestions- Votes May be Taken

Robert suggests possibly offering the art classes to the adults. So many resources we can draw from to be able to offer something art related for adults.

Cathy suggests offering something similar to Winter Wednesdays

Kristin really likes that idea. Possibly doing Zumba, Golf Lessons, things that are enticing but Brandon and Caroline do not have to do themselves.

Advertise the want and then will go from there.

Assistant Recreation Directors Report:

A) Spring Eggs-Travaganza Event Details- Votes May be Taken

Caroline shares the details of the Spring Event. Saturday, March 27th @ 10 AM. The four lots being used will be VFW, VMCC, Pilgrim Monument and the Grace Hall Parking Lot. Recreation and Monument staff will be organizing the lots during the events. Anyone looking to help out and volunteer is more than welcome to and would be much appreciated. We will be handing out goodie bags to and about 186 families participating!

Other:

Approval of March 3rd, 2021 Minutes

Robert motions to approve

David Seconds

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Next meeting will be April 14th and 28th

Kristin motions to adjourn meeting

Robert seconds.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.