

**Town of Provincetown  
Recreation Commission Meeting  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING  
Minutes of Wednesday, July 14th, 2021**

**Members Present**, Robert Enos, Cathy Nagorski, Michael Miller, Kristin Hatch, Brandon Quesnell and David Oliver

**Members Absent**: Heather Rogers

**Also in attendance**: Brandon Motta, Recreation Director; Caroline Thompson, Assistant Director

**Call to order**: Cathy calls meeting to order at 5:33 pm

- 1) **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 on.

Michael Gaucher- Cousin of Elena Hall, shares that he wishes his cousin's wishes of naming the park after her family comes to fruition. He will follow up with a statement and document.

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

**Robert Enos II**- Congratulates the recreation department for the Basketball Courts. Great job, they look great!

**Kristin Hatch**- Agrees with Robert and that the courts look great.

**Michael Miller**- Pickleball people are very happy with the courts and have only heard great things.

**David Oliver**- Congratulate the Recreation Department for the summer program and what they have done at the field.

**Heather Rogers**- Not Present

**Brandon Quesnell**- Reiterates everything the other board members have stated.

**Cathy Nagorski**- Thanks Brandon and the DPW for the work of Jerome Smith. It was very swift. Also shares that the Provincetown Bootcamp has been using that field and has had great attendance so super helpful that we have created the fee schedule. Would also like to talk about remote vs. in-person meetings. Also thanks Brandon Motta for the West End basketball court.

### **3) New Business**

#### **A) Facility use request for the East End Waterfront Park:** Provincetown Business Guild/Pax August 14<sup>th</sup>-August 21<sup>st</sup>-Votes may be taken

Emily Biner, Bob Sanborn, Audrey Orozco-Shields

Bob Sanborn, executive director of the Provincetown Business Guild, to use the East End Waterfront park to promote LGBTQ Tourism. Information booth for visitors of the park about Cannabis. Cathy opens the application up to questions.

Robert- First time seeing the application since the corrections so a little confused about the dates. Does not have any questions otherwise.

Bob Sanborn says originally they were looking for the 4th of July, Bear Week and Carnival however, time had gotten away and they used private property for the others.

Kristin asks about the times, how long and what are the hours.

Bob shares that Set up is 8am on the 14th and the booth would be set-up 10am-4pm and removed 8am on the 20th.

Kristin then asks about where the booth would be located and if Bob could go into more details about the cannabis.

Bob shares the purpose of the booth is to promote the medicinal use of cannabis. No product will be sold and cannabis will not be on the site. However, the booth will be directing people to the licensed facilities in town but no products. Kristin then asks about the setup, if it consists of the tractor trailer.

30 ft by 20 ft is the set-up dimension according to Bob Sanborn.

Michael Miller asks about the fee. Brandon M. shares that it is a consecutive event so it would be \$1200 a day plus the custodian. Mike also asks about PAX as the sponsor and about the party they are saying they will throw.

David- What information is going to be given out. Would like to know what the procedure is if someone is going to go up to the booth.

Jill for PAX says the booth will be giving more information about what PAX does put pushing people to go to local dispensaries. It will also be a fundraising event for PBG where every pod sold 30% would be going to them.

Kristin then asks about anticipated numbers and how they plan to handle crowds. Jill shares that she does not think there will be so much foot traffic. They do age-gate so they would not be giving information out to anyone over the age of 21. No more than 10-15 people at one given time were seen at the previous dates booth.

Kristin asks if there are specific places where they will be sending people. Jill says it's both medicinal and recreational use and will be sending them to all dispensaries.

Brandon Q- Was this denied by the select board for Town Property and if it was, why? Bob shares that it was denied by the Bar Relief because they did not think it was the right location because the Bar Relief is to commemorate the Mayflower Compact. Ask the board if we think this is an appropriate use of the park. It seems commercialized and does not support it. Suggests maybe using B-Well or another cannabis facility.

Bob addresses that other sponsors have used other Town Properties in the past, to that point, this is not something new. Other people that use town property for commercialized use. If we locate licensed vendors in the space, that is the biggest issue. No properties have the space.

Cathy gets clarification on the fundraising aspect. She also shares the disconnect between the town properties and the ones that the Recreation Commission but they all want to be on the same page. What did Bob end up doing when time got away from the 4th of July and Bear Week. Bob shares they used a gallery off of Commercial St. next to Joe's Coffee. Looking for a better location for the info booth. Cathy asks if there are any back-up locations if this does not move forward.

Bob says no. They are down to the East End Waterfront Park.

Brandon Motta asks if there will be any sound with this promotion or if any amplified sound would take place.

Bob and Jill say no.

Brandon M. asks Bob what the process will be in order to get people to the trailer. Jill says she hopes it will be visible to those walking by. Brandon Motta agrees with Brandon Q. in the sense that it is a commercialized event promoting cannabis. Worries about the abutters and feedback.

Kristin shares that she thinks Brandon Q. is right. If Titos came they would probably say no, feels that this is the PBG using their capital to promote something. Not for it or against it but wishes it was more of a PBG event publicizing Provincetown but this seems a little more commercialized.

Cathy, to parlay off of Kristin, wants to know how this is going to impact LGBTQ tourism. Bob shares it through fundraising. Jill also shares that another component with the PBG would be the party they are hosting. Cathy asks if they will be promoting the party, Jill says yes. The 3 P's. Pod, PBG and Pop-up.

No motion is made.

Mike Miller shares he does business with the PBG so he apologizes for not saying anything sooner.

Cathy wishes the PBG the best.

#### **4) Sub Committee Reports: Votes May be Taken**

##### **A) East End Waterfront Park Working Group Update:**

Brandon Motta shares that 80 people visited the park on the first park day/ site visit. A lot of feedback was given. Boards were set up with theoretical components on things that could be brought into the future park. A survey is up on-line with so far 50 people having completed it. We are now taking the survey and condensing it to collect some data on what the public does want. July 31st which will be another site visit using the public input that was gathered.

Issues have come up about the public wanting bathrooms.

The firm is starting to lay out the permitting process, especially chapter 91 permit review. things are starting to be formed into more conceptual things. During August virtual office hours will take place.

Cathy asks if the firm has a target number they are looking to meet?

Brandon M. shares that a number has not been thrown out but a very good point to bring up at the next meeting.

## **5) Old Business:**

### **A) Motta Field Subcommittee- Votes May be Taken**

In the past meetings, the board wishes to invite other boards to the sub-committee. Cathy has created a letter that would go out to the entities we wish to involve.

Brandon Motta shares the letter Cathy had written.

Robert shares that the letter was great. Echoes the concerns of too many people applying and how we would handle that but thinks we may have to wait and see how many responses we actually get.

Kristin says it was a nice letter. Ask if we have an application? I Think there should be an application sheet that gives us more information about the person applying.

Cathy says maybe we ask for a letter of interest. Kristin agrees a letter of interest is great and then we select.

Mike M. very well written.

David thinks it's a great letter.

Brandon Q. agrees with Kristin about involving too many people especially when planning a meeting. Do we want abutters to be on the working group or give them the opportunity to voice during public comments.

Cathy agrees with Kristin that abutters should be a part of the group, and wishes we had included them in the 387 Working group.

Robert asks if having the abutters create their own group and then they nominate someone. Cathy says that would be a great course of action if they get a lot of responses from abutteres. Would like to avoid handpicking.

Next steps. Cathy will revise the letter for abutters.

Brandon M. reiterated the importance of having the Board of Health on the distribution.

Kristin motions to proceed forward with the letter as written in addition to adding the Board of Health onto the list.

Robert seconds

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### **B) Open Space and Recreation Plan Update- Votes May be Taken**

Brandon M. shares the update on the Workshop that took place about updating the plan. He states that he wishes there was more attendance but it was a great discussion. Shares that someone had shared that the staffing should be increased for the Recreation Department.

Brandon M. shares the document with the updates.

Robert asks about possibly having a member of the ADA coming out and looking at our facilities.

Cathy asks about the increased access to beaches and does not think the Recreation is a responsible party for that.

Brandon Q. thinks recreation could partner with the CPC and look for parcels. Also is in total agreement of increased staffing for the recreation department but if we could look into the budgeting specially rental taxes.

Brandon M. typically submits budget in November and builds it come September. Agrees that a reorganization of the department is needed.

Cathy asks about Motta Field being overseen by the Select Board and the Recreation Commission. Would like more insight.

Brandon M. shares that the select board owns Motta Field but we manage the park. Kristin adds that the School Committee was responsible for the field until the highschool closed.

#### **6) Directors Report:**

- A) **West End Playground Retrofit Update-** Brandon Motta shares that the courts are now complete. The Recreation Department has also purchased two pickleball nets that can lock and stay at the sight. The backboards of the new basketball hoops have not been put up because of some hiccups. No negative comments yet.

Kristin asks about the CPA Sign and Brandon M. is waiting on DPW to put it up.

- B) **Adult Pickleball and Tennis lessons-** Pickleball and Tennis lessons have started with Sophie. The demand is high for pickleball and they are exploring opening up another session at Motta Field.

Brandon Q. asks about the spike in cases and what the plan is for addressing any questions.

#### **7) Assistant Directors Report:**

##### **A) Summer Program update**

Caroline shares that the Recreation Commission is in its third week of the nine week program. So far so good, everyone has remained healthy. The program is still requiring all children and staff to wear masks and do health screenings every morning.

**8) Other:** Other matters that may legally come before the board not known at the time of posting - Votes May be Taken

Approval of June 16th, 2021 Minutes

**Robert motions as written**

**Mike seconds**

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**Next meeting August 11th**

**Reevaluate come september if we meet in-person**

Meeting adjourned

Robert motions

David Seconds

7:05pm

