

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING
Minutes of Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021**

Members Present: Cathy Nagorski, Lucy McKernan, Brandon Quesnell and Michael Miller

Members Absent: Robert Enos, David Oliver and Kristin Hatch

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

Call to order: Cathy calls meeting to order at 5:33 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 on.

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

Robert Enos II- Not Present

Kristin Hatch- Not Present

Lucy McKernan- No comment.

Michael Miller- Apologizes for missing the last meeting. Would like to meet with Brandon M. to discuss what the community is saying in regards to pickleball. Mostly positive feedback.

David Oliver-

Brandon Quesnell- Reiterates what Mike said. Thanks Brandon and Caroline for the adult programming and the Halloween festivities.

Cathy Nagorski- Thanks Brandon and Caroline for the Halloween event. Heard great feedback amongst the community and looks forward to hearing about what we have planned for Christmas. In regards to pickleball it is an ongoing conversation about renovating the West End courts. I Hope we can come to some sort of compromise to eliminate the feedback taking place online. Looking forward to a productive meeting.

3) New Business - Votes May Be Taken

A) Future Projects to be considered for CPA Grant Requests:

Brandon Motta shares a list in a prioritized order on what the commission should look at for future CPA applications. The list is as follows:

- Motta Field Tennis Courts
- Additional Pickleball courts
- Back Up Plan for 387 Construction Cost
- West End Playground Resurfacing
- Fence at West End Playground
- Tennis Wall at Motta Field
- ADA Access Plan for all facilities
- Uniform Directory/Signage at all parks.

Lucy- Would like to become more familiar with the CPA grant process. Seems like a majority of these projects are not as costly and hope to get a few of the smaller ones out of the way and focus on the bigger picture. In regards to the construction cost and signage that may be something we can get financial assistance with from the town.

Mike- Knew the pickleball storm was coming, did not know it was coming this fast. Worries about the courts at Motta Field generating noise where abutters there would get upset. Recommends Jerome Smith as the best place for courts as they are not near any neighbors. I think we should resurface the courts and line them and see how that goes over. Long term planning on the parks is a yes.

Brandon Q.- Some items on the list may not fall into a category of the CPA Grants. The West End fence should be put into the budget or something the DPW can take into consideration and request from them. Suggests we do not bring the fence to CPA grant. In terms of money for 387 Commercial Street, Tim F. and Thaddeus should have access to grants for parks that could help cover the cost. CPC is complicated but one of the abilities they have to bond the projects, may be helpful for Michelle J. to come to one of our meetings and talk about the application process. In regards to Motta Field tennis courts the CPC is going to ask about the project and what will happen to them when Motta Field is renovated.

Cathy- For those who were not at the meeting last time, the courts are in disrepair and Brandon Motta put together 3 options for the courts. The commission decided that they felt it was best to resurface the courts correctly and hope that the designer can work with the courts being where they are and preserve them. Unsure if it is reasonable to ask a design firm but thinks that it would not be a big thing to ask the park planner. Tennis Wall at Motta field can be linked to the Motta Field construction project and the West End fence with the West End Playground Resurfacing. CPA is a real reach for 387 Commercial St. will probably have to come from grants and capital improvement. Signage and directory may come from the next budget and not have to go to CPA. Would add the skatepark to this list because eventually we will have to do something with that.

Brandon Q.- asks if we have an estimate in regards to the Motta Field and West End Playground Projects.

Brandon Motta- Ballpark about 8-10k for the fence at West End Playground. The tennis courts would be 100k.

Cathy- Could we get more sand added to the West End Playground that we could fund?

Brandon M.- We have done it before, it costs about 5K. Has to be sand, that is to code.

Mike- In terms of the hitting wall we could take that away and add wood to the tennis court fencing. How much is the cost of painting for the tennis courts? Also brings up friends of his pitching in for a volleyball net, would like to look at the town looking into putting up a volleyball net.

Brandon M.- Costs about 30k, that was included with the quote of 100k.

Brandon Motta will send the sheet to the board for edits and future discussion.

Brandon Q. asks about if there are any active CPC grants. As a member of the CPC looking forward to seeing West End Playground resurfacing. Also wonders if this is something we can discuss with the town.

Cathy updates Brandon Q. that at the last meeting the board voted for Brandon to move forward with the application for the Motta Field Tennis Court resurfacing.

4) Sub Committee Reports: Votes May be Taken

A) 387 Commercial Street Working Group Update

Cathy updates the board on the Working Group meeting that took place last week to circle the wagon with the most recent design of the park. One of the things that the group is focused on is incorporation of history within the park. The other piece that the group was really wanting to work on is the entrance to the park.

Lucy- attended the meeting virtually. Share some of the concerns. Really appreciative of the firm using the reclaimed materials, the historical walk, and interactive art. Asks about the bathroom cost and the opportunity to include local contractors and vendors to help sell the park to the public.

Mike- Thinks the committee has done an amazing job. Cannot imagine the town wanting to build the park, worries about lowering the cost going into it and then needing it after.

Brandon Q- Huge appreciation to Cathy and the working group for the design, looks great. I Think adding grants and lowering the cost will make it more palatable.

Cathy- Worries about it not passing and having a standstill on it. As much as we have engaged the community in the planning process we will still have people who do not wish to purchase this park. Need strong community support before bringing this to Town Meeting.

Brandon Q. adds that the CPC bucket is mostly for housing and no applications have come forth for housing. If there was a way to lobby this as a community park and get support from other groups in town to say they were working on housing it may sell better.

B) Motta Field Working Group-

Brandon Motta tells the board he has not had the time to focus any attention to this. Brandon stresses that he has been very busy with the East End Waterfront Park and if he needs any help from the commission it is now.

Cathy asks what is needed. Brandon says in addition to the letter it is probably having conversations with these committees and telling them about the project.

Brandon Q. suggests breaking up the committees that need to be contacted to commission members and report back to Brandon M.

Recreation Commission members agree and would be happy to take on reaching out.

Brandon Q would be happy to take the Board of Health and Select Board

Robert would take the School Committee

Mike and Lucy work together on the abutters.

Cathy suggests keeping this on the agenda for the next meeting and hopefully the working group can meet together before the next year.

Brandon Motta thanks the board. Caroline will send out the letters tomorrow

C)Skate Park Subcommittee Report-

Kristin is not present. Brandon Motta has no update.

5) Old Business:

A)Naming of 387 Commercial Street Progress-

Brandon Motta shares the survey results from Survey 1. Hall Park has the most votes of 125, East End with 113 and Cannery Wharf at 89.

Brandon then shares the write-in options. The hope is the Recreation Commission can eliminate some of the names for survey 2.

Lucy- The only one she is considering is Mary Oliver. Would like to narrow it to the East End and Hall Park.

Mike- Thinks we can make a motion to keep Cannery Wharf and East End. The Hall Park's 72 Votes on one day is not accurate and if we eliminated those votes they would be in last.

Brandon Q- Says take the top two.

Caroline shares that there were 16 votes total at the in-person meeting. 3 were for East End and Hall. 10 were for Cannery Wharf.

Brandon Q. makes a motion to resend the original survey out to receive votes from those who have not voted till December 1st.

Lucy seconds

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B)Wedding Event at 387 Commercial Street.-

Brandon asks the Recreation Commission what they would like him to do.
Cathy suggests possibly changing the name on the agenda item.

Brandon Motta asks the board if they want to allow private events like this in the park or if it is a case-by-case thing.

Cathy would like it to be case-by-case and would like to meet with the applicant.

Mike thinks we should reach out and meet with them at the next meeting.

6) Directors Report:

A) Youth Sports Update Votes May be Taken

Fall sports wrapped up this week. The kids and families really enjoyed being back and playing soccer this year. It had been two years since they were able to play. The numbers are not where we would have liked them to be. We are losing kids to club soccer /travel soccer.

The lower cape recreation league had a meeting yesterday to discuss basketball for winter. All kids will need to be masked and restrictions will need to be put in place to help limit the spread of covid-19 indoors. We are looking for volunteer coaches so please spread the word.

B) Pickleball Survey

Working with a group of pickleball players in Provincetown to develop a survey, which is almost done about rules and etiquette of pickleball at our courts along with long waiting lines and not enough facilities. I believe uniform rules will help abbreviate some of the commotion down at the West End. So we're going to put out a survey to all pickleball players on what they envision that will be best for Provincetown. In terms of rules and who's on the court next that way we have an idea of how to organize this.

C) Winter Adult Program Update:

Brandon Motta shares that the department will begin to roll back some adult programs in the evenings where it opens up this building, 2 days a week Monday and Wednesday until 7:00 o'clock, which is a change from our normal 9 to 5 hours right now. We will be offering indoor pickleball stretch and tone basketball boot camp and possibly Zumba. If we can coordinate with a Zumba instructor. But unfortunately we're still at a place where we share the gymnasium with the school so masks will be required

Lucy- Extends appreciation as a parent bringing back the sports for the kids. Love the adult programming and the Light Event.

Mike- Great to see all the programming, appreciates it. Worries about the VMCC Gym Floor and wonders if we have access to the High School Gym.

Cathy- Asks about indoor facilities being considered for CPA grants. Also asks if we should sit down with Ali to recap the summer and add it to the next agenda.

As Brandon Motta understands, those are line items coming out of the DPW Budget.

Brandon Motta then shares the possible holiday event that he and Caroline had been flirting with. The board supports the idea but worries if it may be too much to take on with everything else going on.

7) Assistant Director Report:

A) Halloween Event Update-

Caroline shares that about 300 people came to trick-or-treat at the Greet N' Treat event put on by the recreation Department. It was a lot of fun and families were happy to be back. About 20 businesses/organizations participated in the event as well. The participants included: Provincetown Department of Public Works, Marcey Oil, Provincetown Public Library, Northeast Insurance, Arthur Egeli Gallery, The Funk Bus, Seashore Pointe Rehab Center, Knights of Columbus, Provincetown Schools, UU Meeting House of Provincetown, Provincetown Ghost Tours, Coffee Pot, Mike Peckowitz and Fran O'Neil, Provincetown Police Department, Center for Coastal Studies, Womencrafts, Ace Hardware, Cape Cod National Seashore & Harbor Lounge.

In regards to the spook-tac-u-tour, Caroline is unaware how many participants did the tour, with the weather she believes it affected how many people participated. Plans on continuing the event in the future and expanding it to make it more exciting.

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

Approval of October 3rd, 2021 Minutes
Mike motions as written
Lucy seconds
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9. Tentative Meeting Schedule

December 1st, 2021

Meeting adjourned
Kristin motions
Mike Seconds
7:49pm