

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING
Minutes of Wednesday, April 13th ,2022**

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

Members Absent: Kristin Hatch and David Oliver

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

Call to order: Cathy calls meeting to order at 5:30 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.

Please reference the following recording for the Public Comment section of this meeting: [April 13th Recreation Commission Meeting](#)

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

Robert Enos II- Thanks everyone for public comment, reassures everyone that the Commission listens.

Kristin Hatch- Not Present

Lucy McKernan- Echo similar sentiment that Robert shared. Reminds everyone that this commission hears both sides of it all.

Michael Miller- Congratulates everyone who worked so hard on Cannery Wharf Park. Acknowledges how much work it was and appreciates it all!

David Oliver- Not Present

Brandon Quesnell- No comment

Cathy Nagorski- Very pleased the town came together to support the park. This park took years and to have the public's approval was HUGE.

3)New Business

A) Friends of Provincetown Parks and Gardens- Votes May Be taken

Bill Docker, who is the organizer of the Friends of Provincetown Parks and Gardens explains to the Recreation Commission who he is, what the organization is, how it works and then opens up for questions/comments from the Recreation Commission.

The Recreation Commission remains very enthusiastic about this organization and how much of a help this would be for the commission. Brandon Motta and Cathy discuss that the commission will need to

finalize and determine all the logistics.

The Recreation Commission thank Bill for being at the meeting and look forward to staying connected.

4) Sub Committee Reports: Votes May be Taken

A) Motta Field Subcommittee report:

Robert and Brandon Q. give a summary of the discussions that took place at the Motta Field Subcommittee meeting. The Request for Proposals is currently being drafted and should be posted at the beginning of May.

Brandon Q. stresses again the importance of meeting with the school and other entities about their long term plans with programming and other uses.

B) Cannery Wharf Park Working Group Update

Brandon Motta shares that we are waiting for May 10th. Weston and Sampson are drafting up the next steps if funding is approved on the May 10th ballot vote. Once the vote is secured, we can enter into another contract with Weston and Sampson. Brandon Motta shares how rewarding it has been to work with Weston and Sampson and move forward and have construction going before Spring of next year.

C) Pickleball Subcommittee update:

Mike Miller shares that he has made some good progress with forming a group. Stakeholders would include town staff, pickleball enthusiasts and abutters. He has received a good response from all groups and will be hosting a Zoom meeting to help narrow down the committee members.

Mike Miller and Brandon Motta then discuss the lining of the courts at Motta Field and what it would cost. Members of the Recreation Commission also weigh in and share their thoughts.

This agenda item will be on the agenda moving forward. The Recreation Commission looks forward to updates.

5) Old Business:

A) West End Court hours Discussion: Votes May Be taken

On October 13th, 2021, the Recreation Commission moved to restrict the hours of Pickleball playing on the West End Basketball courts from 9-5pm with the ability to review and make changes. Now that Spring is upon us and the sun will be setting later, it is time to discuss looking into revising the hours for the Spring/Summer.

Staff Recommendation:

Extend hours 9-5 Through April 13th to be reconsidered at our next meeting, to give the subcommittee more time to compile a plan for West End courts, and Pickle ball in general.

The Recreation Commission further discusses the staff recommendation of extending the 9-5 hours however, they are concerned that if an issue were to arise after 5pm the Recreation staff would not be aware as they would not be in the office in the event that someone called.

Robert Enos suggested the hours of 9am-4pm for pickleball play.

Brandon Q asks if we could encourage players to go to the other courts when posting these hours.

Cathy agrees with Roberts suggested hours to help enforce since it is more of an honor system.

Robert motions to amend the hours for pickleball play from 9am to 4pm.
Cathy seconds

Brandon Q. discusses the addition to the motion of suggestion of other courts where pickleball can be played.

Robert agrees and then motions to amend the hours for pickleball play from 9am to 4pm with additional signage on other locations for pickleball play.
Cathay seconds
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The hours will be revisited on the May 11th Recreation Commission Agenda.

6) Directors Report:

A) Town Meeting Follow up

Article 8 Cannery Wharf Development

Ballot questions will be formed for the annual election on May 10th to approve expenditure of \$1.8 Million, funding to become available July 1 if question is approved. If the question is approved, the Working group & Weston and Sampson will create the final design process, choosing materials such as surfacing, plantings, tables, benches, etc. Then Weston and Sampson will determine the permitting process, and start to construct the bid documentations.

Article 12 CPA Resurfacing of Motta Field Tennis Courts

The amount of \$115,000 has been approved from a cpa grant to resurface the tennis courts, due to procurement policies we can not commence construction until July 1. The recommendation is to start construction in September but between now and September the Commission needs to incorporate a public process for this renovation project. The intent was to add both tennis and pickleball so there needs to be a public process in determining the final layout of the project.

Article 21: Consultant to redesign the current VMCC Site

Article 21 has passed at town meeting, allowing the town to hire a consultant to look into the feasibility of adding housing at the current site.

“This article would transfer \$150,000 from free cash to hire a development consultant to assist with the assessment of financing, cost estimating, site planning to determine the suitability for development of affordable and community housing and municipal uses on the Veterans Memorial Community Center site. The existing Council on Aging, Recreation Center, Wee Care Program, Public Works Department offices and other municipal services will be rebuilt in a more compact footprint, allowing housing to be developed on the remainder of the site.”

B) Youth Spring activities

The Recreation Department will be offering the following starting after April Vacation:

Children:

-TinyTykes (Challenger) for 3yrs-6yrs

It will take place weekly on Fridays from May 6th-June 10th.

-Recreation Soccer for 7 & 8 Year Olds

Thursdays 3-4pm

-T-Ball for Grades K-2nd Grade

Practices will take place on Wednesdays from 3:15pm-4:15pm

-Instructional Baseball for Grades 3rd-6th (Boys & Girls)

Tuesdays from 3:00pm-4:00pm

Adults:

Pickleball *Saturday Morning VMCC Gym 8-11AM*

Basketball *Wednesday Evenings VMCC Gym 5:30-8pm*

7) **Assistant Director Report:**

A) April Vacation Club & Spring Event Update

Caroline shares the upcoming Spring Vacation program for Provincetown Schools children that will be offered, April 19th thru the 22nd. It will be a free child care program for children grades pre-k and up. A magic show will also be provided to the children and the public on Wednesday, April 20th.

The Spring Event that took place on April 9th, 2022 was a HUGE success. The event took place at the Provincetown Monument and families from the lower cape attended. About 250 families participated in the event. The Recreation Department would like to thank Seashore Pointe, Provincetown PTA and Provincetown Monument for all their help and making this event happen. We look forward to next years!

B) Summer Program Report

Provincetown Recreation 2022 Summer Program

Dates: July 5th thru September 2nd, 2022

Time: 8am-4pm Monday thru Friday

Over the last couple of summers, the Provincetown Recreation Department has had to adjust their program drastically. Having to move our Summer Program completely outdoors allowed us to learn a lot and develop a new sense of creativity. **As we planned this more "normal" summer, there were a variety of components from the past that we wanted to incorporate into this year's program** to create an overall fun and safe experience for families and their children to utilize.

It will be structured in two halves. **The morning half will take place outdoors** (weather permitting) at Motta Field

Afternoon, we will move inside the community center. This schedule allows for physical/group activities in the morning as well as the opportunities for independent learning, arts, creativity and other activities in the afternoon. In addition, we will incorporate beach days into this summer's schedule.

Provincetown Schools will also be working alongside us to help keep the program fresh for children.

Registration will go to Provincetown Schools FIRST

Then open to the public mid-May.

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

Approval of March 30th , 2022 Minutes

Robert motions as written

Mike seconds

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9. Tentative Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, May 11th, 2022

Meeting adjourned

7:53 pm