

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

Members Present: David Oliver (Chairman), Lori Arnott, Heather Rogers

Members Absent: Tim Downey

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director, Angelina Lammie; Victor Feltsam; Rich Waldo, Margaret Murphy

Call to order: 5:30 pm

Public comments:

- A) Victor Seltsam- Is on the Harbor Committee and is looking to the Rec Department for help with creating a Kayak Committee, similar to the Bicycle Committee. Victor explains that he was part of the group that helped get kayak racks for the town. He has heard from many kayak owners that there is a need for a kayak committee to do fundraisers, fishing tournaments, and kayak regulations. He wanted to just mention it to the Recreation Commission and have them consider the idea and brainstorm any other ideas for a Kayak Committee. David says they will add it to the next agenda for consideration.

New business:

- A) Discussion with tree ordinance working group- Rich Waldo (Tree Warden & Director of DPW) and Margaret Murphy (lawyer and creator of Tree Provincetown)- Rich explains that they are looking to submit tree bylaw in the next town warrant of Town Meeting. They are looking for the support of various town committees including the Recreation Commission. Currently, they find that people are not aware of laws and regulations on how to properly remove public space trees. There are currently regulations on a state level but not on a town level. Rich states that they have received positive feedback and support from other town committees. Rich also explains that this will most affect the Recreation Commission when planting or removing trees on playgrounds. Rich would like to create a tree advisory board to help with the tree warden's decision-making. Margaret states that the goal is to protect trees in the future and educate the public on the best way to remove trees. David says that the Recreation Commission will read over the by-law proposal and come up with any feedback they have.
- B) Review of Summer Program fees- Brandon presents the Commission with the current Summer fees and the fees of surrounding towns. Heather says that the current fees are reasonable and affordable and offer a lot to the town's families. David agrees. Lori makes a motion to keep the current summer program fees the same. David seconds that motion. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- A) Dance/Fitness Floor Update- Brandon states that Constance Clare-Newman has raised around \$4400 for the new fitness/dance floor. David says he will get an exact estimate from Lumber Liquidators as soon as possible.

Director's Report:

- A) Fall Youth Sports- Soccer is set to begin next week. There will be 4 Provincetown teams and 1 team that will combine with Truro. We are desperately looking for a soccer coach for the 5/6 boys team.
- B) International Soccer Tournament-A group of international workers that work here in Provincetown collaborated with the Rec Dept and other town businesses to create a soccer tournament. The tournament last about a week and included 12 different teams. It was a huge success, especially for the very first year. The Rec Dept looks forward to next year.

Assistant Director's Report:

- A) Summer Program report- This summer program ran very smoothly thanks to a great staff and a great group of kids. We were able to go on a lot of field trips and go to the beach every week. It was very successful.
- B) Afterschool Program-There is a possibility that we will be looking for another counselor for the Afterschool program. If we do, we will post the position.

David makes a motion to adjourn.

Heather seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.