

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
December 7, 2021
Approved on February 1, 2022**

In attendance: Faith Stevens (FS), Gary Maggiolino (GM), Mark Awdycki (MA), Scott Charpentier (SC), Sean Durkin (SD), Tracey Cammarano (TC) Allie Lane (AL), and Maegan Jordan (MJ).

6:35pm: September 7, 2021 Minutes Approved.

Gary Maggiolino (GM) made a motion to approve minutes from September 2021. Tracey Cammarano (TC) seconded, all in favor.

6:35pm: Meeting called to order

6:35pm—Recreation Report by Allison Lane (AL).

Introduced Maegan Jordan as new Recreation Assistant. Mentioned that previously no weekday daytime preschool programs that were inside ran. However preschool events that happened on Sundays were being filled. Working on bringing in new programs for January as well as working on Spring/Summer programs.

Summer program update: AL spoke with the superintendent about where summer program will be happening. Some changes to summer program this year include 7 week duration instead of 8; all 7 weeks will happen at Lincoln Street school, no preschoolers, will now be grades K-8; field trips this year will be optional, kids have option to stay at camp instead of partaking in field trip.

Turkey Trot Road Race summary: Very successful race, all proceeds for the race went directly to the Recreation department, around \$14k. Recreation will be using these proceeds to help fund scholarships for kids that cannot afford our programs. There were 727 registrations and \$3500 from sponsors.

6:50pm—DPW Report by Scott Charpentier (SC)

Pickleball Court update: Construction of the Pickleball courts is progressing. Changing the chain fencing to cover all 4 sides, with 2 sides being 10ft and 2 sides being 4ft in height with a positioning of gates. Cost estimate is within budget, public bid should be starting after the beginning of the year.

GM: Has cost of asphalt gone up? SC: Yes it has.

Assabet update: Construction of the Assabet park is going well. Bids for this project were high with about \$7k left in town allocation. Design for the park is laid out, all holes are dug, possibility of adding a sandbox.

AL: Metro West Dental is looking to do a donation for the park, possibly a sandbox.

7:09pm—2022 Community Preservation Committee Applications (AL)

Dog park application has been submitted to CPC to hire a professional architect to review 5 potential sites to figure out the best place and purchase land for the park. First step in a 3 step plan to build the dog park.

Application for new chain link fencing for Rt. 135 Assabet park along the granite wall of South St., unable to replace the current fence in current budget due to other costs.

7:26pm – Other Business (AL)

AL brought up possibility of adding a Cricket field to Melican Middle School. And take space between the 2 fields and turn it into a pitch. Received a lot of interest in playing Cricket, but currently no place to play.

GM: Mentioned having to move equipment on field each time to play.

SD: Asks if this will create a run in the field.

SC: The material will need to be a strip of turf with a fall safe edge to prevent run.

Next meeting 02/08/22

7:40pm - Meeting adjured

Motion to adjourn – TC & MA