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**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
February 2, 2021
Approved on April 6, 2021**

In attendance: Faith Stevens (FS), Tracey Cammarano (TC), Gary Maggiolino (GM), Mark Awdycki (MA) 7:34pm, Scott Charpentier (SC), and Allie Lane (AL).

7:05pm: Meeting called to order

The Chair FS opened the Zoom meeting to order at 7:08pm and made the announcement that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 20A, S18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, that the meeting of the Northborough Open Space Committee is being conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Public comment will not be taken. The process was explained. Member and Staff roll call was taken Tracey Cammarano, Gary Maggiolino, Sean Durkin, Faith Stevens, Scott Charpentier, David Robillard and Allie Lane.

7:09pm: December 2020 Minutes Approved.

Tracey Cammarano (TC) made a motion to approve minutes from Dec. 2020. Gary Maggiolino (GM) seconded, all in favor.

7:11pm—Recreation Report by Allison Lane (AL).

(AL): Lottery for gardens - most people are coming back, left over grant money may be used to build more. Usually we have to turn families away, 10 new beds should cover all that apply. Eagle Scout - Colin Wing will help build the new beds and repair the old ones.

Summer Camp -

Feb. 3rd is when registration will open for Recreation Summer Camp. We usually take 140 wk, now we can only take 90 with covid guidelines. Hoping guidelines may change closer to summer so we can add more kids. Changing registration this time - instead of a 1-week deposit and reserving as many weeks, this year pay in full which should prolong filling up as quickly.

It is hard to predict how #s will go. AL ask if it should be Nboro residence only or open to last year's registrants that were refunded due to covid? Not sure what to do.

Commission agreed we should keep It open to all since we are usually self-sufficient due to nonresidents being loyal to us.

Allie's salary from general fund this year, not self-sufficient due to having to return all fund last Spring. The Admin Assistant job is posted internally, 2/9th it opens to the public.

47 programs currently on the website - new ones added all the time - max # of kids in a room is 10. Revenue is low since #s are capped this winter. Spring /Summer set up and most are outside. Amazing that there are 47 programs since no access to buildings / max

for swimming is 3 / Westborough, Shrewsbury & Core Connection where some programs are run have been following covid guidelines very well.
TC- important for kids to get out

7:20pm—DPW Report by Scott Charpentier (SC)

Lots of snow

Gardens - grant with left over \$\$ will help with the fence installation, DPW & Eagle Scout will work together once we have a thaw.

MASS DOT – We did not get the grant approval for Senior Center Walking Path, going back for feedback. Do have other options

Pickleball Courts - CPC voted to approve the courts at Ellsworth McAfee Park.

7:29pm—New Business.

Fields - touched base with youth group presidents in a zoom meeting. Back field of Melican needs one more season of regrowing.

Marty Murphy will be running HS league sports this Spring for us.

Boys HS Basketball programs - at Proctor - May/June HS Air it Out Flag football - at Melican April/June Scheduling fields with teams and renting out

7:40pm—Old Business.

Assebet Playground-

Met with engineers - We have a design on the new playground. The next step is creating a parent focus group. The design is to use what we have - slope will be used for slope play / looking for shade structure/ keeping full space - reducing apparatus at this point for budget but maybe more equipment can be added later.

Mark joined at 7:34 - had school meeting

Meeting adjured

Next meeting 3/2 at 7pm

7:43pm Next meeting and adjourn -

Next Meeting will be March 2 at 7pm