



CITY OF MARLBOROUGH

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October 7, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the City Clerk, a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at 5:30pm at the Recreation Commission Office.

Present were Commission Members: Chairman Kays, Commissioner Doherty, Commissioner Vital, Commissioner Welch, Commissioner Gallagher and Commissioner Cabral.

Also attending Recreation Director Charles Thebado.

Approval of minutes 02-12-20

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Vital and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To accept the 02-12-20 minutes.

Eagle Project: Codey Daly

Mr. Cody Daly, a Senior at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School presented the Commission with his Eagle Scout Project Proposal.

His passion for baseball inspired him to choose Stevens Park as his Eagle project. His project includes the following: Power washing the Snack Shack Building, side bathrooms, and utilize storage box. Paint the outside Snack Shack Building and Utilize Storage Box.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Vital and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To approve Mr. Daly's Eagle Scout Project Proposal.

Parks Report:

Mr. White was not able to attend the meeting due to impending storm.

Mr. Thebado gave the parks report on his behalf:

- All field are in great shape. No issues.
- Williams Street playground has been shut down to faulty equipment and some features will need to be replaced before reopening.

Recreation Report..... Charles Thebado, Director:

There was a brief discussion regarding a gazebo need at Ghiloni Park. It will benefit camps during inclement weather.

Mr. Thebado gave the following Recreation Department updates:

- Boat Ramp opened last week of May.
- Ghiloni Park Splash Pad opened the 2nd week of June. The public was responsible to do their own social distance and face coverings when visiting all aquatic facilities.
- Stevens Park Splash Pad wasn't completed for the summer due to work stoppage during the early stages of COVID- 19. We anticipate the splash pad to be open next summer.
- Memorial Beach was opened a week later than normal due to COVID 19, with restrictions. Beach was for Marlborough residents only. We eliminated twenty-five parking spaces to keep the numbers down and have proper social distancing on the beach.

Commission Vital stated that it made a difference that the Mayor and the Police got involved.

- Wading pools opened within 18 days after being notified, normally takes approximately 30 days to do so.
 - Pools were drained, power washed, tiles replaced along side walls and chemical feeder systems hooked up.
 - Unfortunately, Project Summer Adventure did not operate due to state guidelines set forth regarding COVID. We were able to run five sports programs, while following the state's protocol of number less than 10 participants per program.
 - All Movies in the Park were cancelled.
 - Late July some youth activities were brought back with certain guidelines to follow that was Outlined by the state regarding what level of risk each sport was categorized in and what they could do. Some pushback but overall, all youth groups complied with the new rules while obtaining a field permit.
 - Labor Day Parade was cancelled.
 - Program Manager interviews will be held this fall.
 - All Aquatic Staff did an unbelievable amazing Job!
- All in all, we had a great successful summer considering the COVID restrictions and last-minute staff hires.
- Fall sports programs are being done virtually with Skyhawks.

The Commission thanked Mr. Thebado for his report.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Attest to:

Simela Perdikomatis
Senior Clerk / Commission Secretary