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March 10, 2021

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 Vital, Commissioner Welch, Commissioner Gallagher, Commissioner Cabral and Commissioner Sampson

Also attending Recreation Director Charles Thebado, Program Manager Joe Mulvey and Parks, Forestry and Cemetery General Foreman Chris White.

Approval of minutes 02-10-21

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

VOTED: To accept the 2-10-21 minutes.

Parks Report:

Mr. White gave the following Parks update:

- The Parks Crew is busy getting the turf fields ready and servicing their equipment for the spring.
- We started drainage work at Bauks field – will be done by next week.
- All bathrooms will be open for spring and will disinfect every morning. Ghiloni Park bathrooms are open for the season.
- Playground inspections will be held next week.
- Williams Field Playground is being removed; we are in the process of replacing them.
- We are in the process of getting the fields ready for the season. We will advise the Recreation Department as soon as possible which and when fields are ready to open.

The Commission thanked Mr. White for his updated Parks Report.

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

Mr. Thebado gave the following Recreation Department updates:

Mr. Thebado met with DPW Commissioner last week to discuss the following Recreation improvements:

- The possibility of placing a pavilion at Ghiloni Park where the sand volleyball court is located and placing the sand volleyball court where the lower basketball court is.
- Putting the following field locations at the Musco Lighting System: Kelleher Field, Ghiloni DiAntonio Softball Field, and the Basketball Courts at Ghiloni Park.
- Lastly, we discussed the issues surrounding the wading pools and the need to resurface pool bottoms and the tile side walls at each wading pool.
- I met with Mayor Vigeant to discuss the idea of holding a Drive-In Movie and the possibility of having a concert at a different location other than the Union Common to comply with state guidelines of group gatherings and social distancing.
- Location for the Drive-In Movie may take place at the front parking lot of Assabet Valley Vocational HS. Spoke with Principal Mark Hollick who liked the possibility but would need to discuss the matter with Business Manager Kristopher Luoto, who handles all building and facility rentals. We should hopefully have an answer by early next week.
- Will be meeting with Facilities Director Dan Jackson next week to find viable city location to set up the stage, power issues, and enough parking space.
- We are waiting on State Guideline before publicizing any summer camp programs. There is a possibility of using Hildreth School in the summer as different location if we are not able to hold our traditional Project Summer Adventure Program due to COVID restrictions.
- Joe and I are meeting with Head Lifeguards tomorrow afternoon to discuss upcoming summer preparations and staffing for pools and beach.
- We are offering 45 program opportunities this spring. Please check out our website for all details.
- We are also working with outside vendors who are offering discounts if the sign up with our name. They include Ninja Challenge, Jeans Gymnastics, Painting Pottery, Spirit in Motion Dance Classes, and Painting Workshops & Lessons. We are promoting these programs through our social media accounts.

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