

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 06.17.20
Town Hall, Matthew Thornton Room
7:00pm

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Attendees in person: Christine Lavoie, Rick Greenier – MYA, Abbie Cote – Student Representative, Shannon Barnes – School Board Representative, and Michelle Creswell

Attendees on Zoom: Laura Jaynes, Tracy McGraw and Julie Poole

Parks and Recreation Staff in person: Matt Casparius, Director

Absent:

Excused: Jon Barkley – Alternative MYA, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club and Lon Woods - Town Council

Public: Kishan Sreenivasan, Boy Scout Troop 424 and David Roy Boy Scout Troop 424 Review

Start time: 7:05pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from February 19, 2020
 - Shannon Barnes made the motion to accept the February meeting minutes
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 5-0-3 motion passed (abstained – Rick Greenier, Tracy McGraw and Julie Poole)
- 3 New Business - Matt Casparius
 - Eagle Scout Project Proposal – ADA Accessible Ramp for Naticook Day Camp Office; Kishan Sreenivasan, Boy Scout Troop 424
 - If this project is approved, then fundraising is scheduled for September 2020 and construction to start in 2021 (depending on weather)
 - Shannon Barnes made the motion to endorse the ADA Accessible Ramp for Naticook Day Camp Office presented by Kishan Sreenivasan, Boy Scout Troop 424
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed
 - Eagle Scout Project Proposal: Basketball Safety Fencing Project, Wasserman Park; David Roy, Boy Scout Troop 424 Review
 - This fencing can be removed for winter months or as needed
 - If this project is approved, then fundraising would start immediately
 - Shannon Barnes made the motion to endorse the Basketball Safety Fencing Project, Wasserman Park presented by David Roy
 - Michelle Creswell 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed
 - This project has already been approved by the Town Council
 - Angel of Hope Memorial – Abbie Griffin Park
 - This project went to the Town Council last week and was approved

- This came from local residents and they would like it to be completed in 2021

4 Old Business - Matt Casparius

- Wasserman Park
 - Beach Project update
 - Completion date has been updated to September 2020
 - State will not allow the pine trees to be removed and therefore the plan was updated
 - Winter Storm Damage Insurance Update
 - Due to the tree damage in the beginning of the year, the insurance covered the costs to fix
- Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
 - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$3,361.59
 - Request for use of funds for annual bark mulch
 - Donations for baggies for dog waste is always welcome
 - A cleanup day will be scheduled prior to laying out new bark mulch
 - Shannon Barnes made the motion to authorize up to \$1000 to purchase bark mulch
 - Rick Greenier 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- COVID-19 Update for Parks & Recreation
 - Summer Camp 2020 has been cancelled and refunds have started to process
 - Status Update of Recreation Facilities – the following locations are open with the Governor's guidelines
 - Athletic Fields
 - Basketball Courts
 - Skateboard Park
 - Volleyball Courts
 - Playgrounds – are not open yet
- Summer Community Events Update
 - Concerts in the Park have been allowed to start June 24th at Abbie Griffin Park based on weather permitting
 - Movies in the Park have been allowed to proceed at Wasserman Park:
 - Friday, July 10th at 8:30pm – Star Wars
 - Friday, August 7th at 8pm – Toy Story 4
 - Saturday, September 5th at 7:30pm – Frozen 2
 - 4th of July was cancelled by the Town Council and asked Matt Casparius to create a new fall event
 - Virtual 5K was held with good participation
 - Tracy McGraw said that the Relay for Life in June will now be a Virtual Relay for Life on June 27th from 12-6pm
 - Rick Greenier thanked Matt Casparius for his support for the Town Council meetings as well as to the Parks and Recreation department because letters were sent to the camp workers with suggestions for other jobs

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – not present
- School Representative – Abbie Cote
 - Graduation happened in a limited ceremony with guidelines
 - Summer projects are on PowerSchool Learning
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Refunds are being processed due to sports being cancelled
 - Baseball will start in July, softball has begun and soccer is scheduled for July
 - Merrimackyouthassociation.com
- School Board – Shannon Barnes
 - Task forces are in place for future school year processes
 - Lunches are being offered for families that need them through the summer
 - Quiz Bowl Team won the Granite State Champions
- Town Council – Lon Woods – not present

7 Comments from the Public – was none

8 Comments from the Committee

- John O’Leary will remain closed until Phase 3
- Merrimack Police Department has sent out notice that Cyanobacteria has been discovered in Baboosic Lake so the lake is closed

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, August 19, 2020

10 Adjourn at 8:16pm

- Shannon Barnes made the motion to adjourn at 8:16pm
- Rick Greenier 2nd the motion
- 8-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell