

**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, 05.19.21**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**7:00pm**

Attendees on Zoom: Tracy McGraw, Laurie Rothhaus – School Board Representative, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Abbie Cote – Student Representative and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Staff on zoom: Matt Casparius, Director

Absent: none

Excused: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Julie Poole, Rick Greenier – MYA, Lon Woods - Town Council,

Shannon Barnes – Alternate School Board Representative and Jon Barkley – Alternative MYA

Public: none

Start time: 7:10pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021
  - Not enough people for a quorum so the motion was not made to accept the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes and will be tabled for the next meeting
- 3 Old Business
  - Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Tracy McGraw
    - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$763.59
    - Possible donation from Mosquito Joe
      - Many dogs have ticks on them when they leave and this donation is to spray for 3 treatments if approved
    - Please don't leave water jugs behind when you leave as there is water at the park now
    - Donations for baggies for dog waste is always welcome
- 4 Director's Report - Matt Casparius
  - 2021 Summer Camp Update – almost ready to open
    - Registration & Summer Hiring Update
      - Registration and summer hires are still ongoing
  - Report on Recent Community Special Events
    - Report on the 2.75 Mile Not Quite a 5K was a success
  - Upcoming Community Events
    - Movie Nights in the Park for Summer 2021: (Wasserman Park)
      - Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Finding Dory
      - Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - Ferris Buellers Day Off
      - Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> - Beauty and the Beast
      - Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - Raiders of the Lost Arc
    - Summer Concert Series
      - June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Miss Juliann & Mr Joey
      - June 30<sup>th</sup> – Ben Eramo Solo Show
      - July 7<sup>th</sup> – Bill Connors: American Elton

- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Whiskey Horse
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – The Reminisants
- July 28<sup>th</sup> – Studio Two
- August 4<sup>th</sup> - North River Music
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Rockin’ Ron the Friendly Pirate
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2021
  - Town Council has approved 4<sup>th</sup> of July to happen
  - Sparkler 5K, Parade and Fireworks are scheduled events
- Movement Christian Church to volunteer to clean on July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Shannon Barnes’ company to volunteer to clean on June 6<sup>th</sup>

## 5 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
  - No meetings are held due to COVID
  - John O’Leary building is closed, and possible re-opening date is TBD
- School Representative – Abbie Cote
  - Merrimack Band and Chorus had full concert with live audience and can be seen on Merrimack TV
  - Prom was held outside with games and activities
  - June 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> is Senior Week
  - June 12<sup>th</sup> 9am is Graduation
- MYA - Rick Greenier – not present
  - merrimackyouthassociation.com
- School Board – Laurie Rothhaus
  - Graduation plans are still being finalized as to what will be allowed
- Town Council – Lon Woods – not present

## 6 Comments from the Public – was none

- Those wishing to participate in "public comment" can do so via a dedicated e-mail address prior to the start of the meeting. These e-mails can be read at the discretion of the participants or recorded for the meeting minutes as part of the public record. Emails should be sent to: mcasparius@merrimacknh.gov. All e-mails sent to this address for the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be sent to ALL members of the Parks & Recreation Committee if they are received before 6:30 pm on the day of the meeting.

## 7 Committee Comments

- None

## 8 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – tentatively in person

## 9 Adjourn at 7:28pm

- Not enough people for a quorum so the motion was not made to adjourn at 7:28pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Creswell