



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION

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RECREATION COMMISSION

April 5, 2021

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. **Call To Order** by Joseph O'Brien (Chairman) at 5:30 PM.

1. **Notice of Recording:** Please note that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 and in accordance with MCL Chapter 30A20. The chair must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

a. Sandra Merritt is recording for the purpose of writing the minutes

B. **Roll Call**

1. **Commissioners Present:**

- Joseph O'Brien (Chairman)
- James Tenaglia (Vice-Chairman)
- Rene King
- Tim Lus
- Brendan Burke
- Renee Dowling

2. **Commissioners Absent:** George Bent

3. **Also Present:** Patti Machado (Director of Recreation), Julianna O'Reilly (Youth Commission Liaison) and Madeline Noonan (Community Services Director)

C. **Act On Minutes** – Joseph O'Brien entertains a motion be made on the minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting

1. Renee Dowling made a motion that the minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting be accepted. James Tenaglia seconded the motion

2. **VOTE – All In Favor**

II. OLD BUSINESS – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Recognition of John Gleason– Awarded the 2021 Massachusetts's Parks and Recreation Community Professional Of The Year**

1. Patti Machado introduced John, providing some background on his time with the Recreation Division
 - a. John began thanked Patti Machado and the rest of the staff for the team effort all the things they do, including Madeline Noonan, Mark Ells and everyone in the town

- b. During this Covid-19 period, it was necessary to re-think programs and totally change everything that was being done
 - i. Virtual programs were introduced, new partners to work with were found, and anything and everything was tried to keep the staff and community members active and involved
- c. Going into spring, the program coordinators are introducing new ideas and new programs to keep the youth engaged around Covid restrictions that are still in place
- d. Currently the summer brochure is being worked on for summer registration

B. Joe Izzo - HYCC Operations and Updates

- 1. Doors were opened on September 28th
 - a. Prior to opening, meetings were held via Zoom with all of the groups who use the HYCC to go through the operation plan for the facility
- 2. Thank you to the staff who helped make this year a success at the HYCC
 - a. Patti Machado
 - b. Mark Boardley and Mike Kullas on the front lines at the HYCC
 - c. Recreation Staff – Sandra/George/John/Mickie/Tim/Kellie/Trisha/Michele/Linda
 - i. Running programs in the building, enforcing rules and doing all they can to support the facility throughout the course of the year
 - d. HYCC Seasonal Staff
 - ii. The seasonal staff faced many challenges during the year, from the ever changing and updated operating plans to the face to face interactions with patrons in the building
 - iii. They have done an amazing job with positive attitudes, flexibility and a willingness to go above and beyond
 - e. DPW – Maintenance Staff
 - i. The job they have done keeping the building clean and the facility maintained has been outstanding
 - ii. It is through their efforts we've been able to run our activities whether in the gym or on the ice
 - iii. Scott and his team have been outstanding in allowing us to put together a schedule for the ice - flexible and understanding
 - f. Town of Barnstable Health Department
 - i. Tom McKeon and his team have been incredibly helpful and responsive to the fielding of never ending questions and the reporting of positive cases
 - ii. Tom was instrumental in helping to create and develop the operating plan-walking the building, offering suggestions and tips, giving parameters on what could and couldn't be done
 - g. Town of Barnstable Senior Management
 - i. Everyone starting with the Town Manager, Mark Ells for allowing us the opportunity to get people in the building
- 3. Activities in the building
 - a. Remote Learning Center – School Days – kids in grades 4-7 (gym and game room)
 - b. After School SOAR Program (gym and game room)



- c. High School Volleyball league in the fall
 - d. Recreation programming in the gym - fall and winter (volleyball and basketball)
 - e. Ice Hockey
 - i. Youth programs (BYHA, Seahawks, Thunder, TP3 Hockey)
 - ii. High School Hockey (BHS Boys Varsity & JV, Girls Varsity)
 - f. Basketball
 - i. Youth programs (Cape Cod Warriors, private youth skills and drills)
 - ii. High School Basketball (Sturgis East & Sturgis West)
 - g. Volleyball
 - i. Youth programs (multiple private youth skills and drills)
 - h. Learn to skate returned in January
 - i. Other Activities
 - i. Special Olympics corn hole program
4. Challenges
- a. There were constant changes to the schedule in the facility
 - b. Youth Hockey shut-down in October/November
 - c. HS Hockey shut down in January
 - d. Individual players/teams/schools shut down
 - e. Navigating the process when positive cases were reported by user groups
 - f. Dealing with people visiting the facility from other places who were not aware of, and at times unwilling to comply with, facility rules and regulations
 - g. Limited inventory available to accommodate all of the groups who wanted to be in the facility (both on the ice and in the gym)
 - i. This has a direct impact on our FY21 budget
5. Highlights
- a. The staff has done an amazing job.
 - b. The groups that call the HYCC home have been great to work with and very understating of what we are doing to help keep the facility open and operating in a safe manner
 - c. Some Stats:
 - i. Over 40,000 people came into the HYCC between September 28th and March 31st
 - ii. Weekly average of just over 1,500 people
 - iii. January saw the highest total # of people: 9,211
6. Looking Forward
- a. We are starting to bring back some of our adult hockey groups onto the ice
 - b. Public Skating and Walk On Figure skating will be returning to the ice at some point in the near future
 - c. Pickup basketball and pickup volleyball began last weekend in the gym
 - d. The summer is looking pretty good with basketball camps, hockey camps, high school basketball and volleyball leagues
- e. It will not be quite as busy as the summer of 2019, but there is a lot of interest by organizations to return to the HYCC gym and ice rinks

IV. STAFF REPORT – PATTI MACHADO (Handout A)



A. Administration

1. John Gleason received the Massachusetts Recreation and Parks Association 2021 Community Professional of the Year
2. Town of Barnstable has been recognized as a leader in providing community needed services by Kristine Stratton, the President of National Recreation and Parks Association
3. Patti spoke at the MRPA Conference, emphasizing the importance of networking
4. Jobs are available and applications are available online for open positions

B. Aquatics

1. Beach Parking Permits – 5,200 permits had been issued as of April 1st. More staff is being hired to help
2. Lifeguard Training will take place during April Vacation and Lifeguards are desperately needed

C. Recreation Programs

1. The Remote Learning Center
 - a. Continues to go well - waiting to hear the new dates for going back fully
2. Easter Program was run by Kellie Crawley and posted on Facebook

D. Youth Commission – Julianna O’Reilly, Youth Commission Liaison

1. Barnstable Police Department received a \$5000 Grant to help with the 2021 Substance Abuse forum
2. One Love (Healthy Relationship program) Program called “Behind the Post”
 - a. Many of the Commissioners have gone through training
 - b. Scheduled to present to the St. John Paul II HS on April 14th
 - c. Will be held in person
3. Virtual Youth Job Fair
 - a. To be held April 28th
 - b. The 16 & 17 year old session will be from 3-4 PM and the 14 & 15 year old session will be from 4:30-5:30 PM
 - c. So far 30 businesses have signed up
 - d. Anyone interested can sign up on the Town of Barnstable website
4. Climate Change Presentations
 - a. They are being worked on for a webinar for the State Youth Climate Change Summit
 - b. Submissions will be on Wastewater Management and How What We Eat impacts the environment

V. LIAISON’S REPORTS

A. James Tenaglia – CPC

1. Two playgrounds have been moved from letter of intent to application
 - a. Passed both of the playgrounds at Barnstable Hollow and the playground at the Centerville Recreation Building
 - b. Should be going in front of Town Council soon for final approval
2. Pickleball money has been received
3. Working with Little League to hopefully come to a solution on getting their project off the ground
 - i. There are questions on what can and can’t be funded that need to be worked out

B. Rene King – Pickleball

1. The contract was executed and the Town Architect met with the contractors



2. The work is due to begin on Monday, April 12th
- C. **Renee Dowling – Barnstable Athletic Advisory Council**
 1. Currently in Fall II
 - i. Setback with football team due to a case of covid so instead of 6 games there will be 3
 - ii. Volleyball started back up
 - iii. There will be no wrestling
 - iv. Track and Field has started
 2. Football field is going to have a GMax test to evaluate the condition of the field
 - ii. It was tested in July of 2020 and was close to failing then
 - iii. The games may not be able to be played on the high school field as a result
 - iv. Discussion followed
 - v. Rene King made a motion for Joseph O’Brien, as the Chairman of the Recreation Commission, to write a letter to the Superintendent of Barnstable Schools and the School Department from the Recreation Commissioners on behalf of the youth that the Recreation Commission serves, to push the date back for the field testing and for clarification on the decision. Seconded by Tim Lus. **VOTE – All In Favor**
- D. **Joseph O’Brien and Brendan Burke – Barnstable Little League**
 1. The project for the concession stand and bathroom at Larusso complex has stalled
 - i. There are issues on qualifying for CPC funding for the project
 2. There was a good turnout for the clean- up of the fields
 3. Numbers are down but it is still possible to sign up for the minors
- D. **George Bent – Fundraising** – Joseph O’Orien spoke on behalf of George in his absence
 1. Golf Tournament would be difficult to plan at this late date
 2. Wiffle-Ball Tournament looks to be the best option
 3. Joe suggested a possible Corn Hole Tournament as well

VI. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR – Announcement by Renee Dowling of her resignation from the Recreation Commission effective April 6, 2021

VII. NEXT MONTH’S NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mark Marinaccio Update on Osterville Community Building/Field Project

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Joseph O’Brien entertained a motion be made to adjourn the meeting. James Tenaglia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Renee Dowling seconded. **VOTE – All In Favor.** Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

NEXT MEETING May 3, 2021

RECREATION COMMISSION						
Date Rec'd	Material Dated	Meet Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit
4/5/2021	4/5/2021	4/5/2021	Patti Machado	RC	Staff Report	A

