

Town of Pembroke
Recreation Commission
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Pembroke Recreation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of Nov 14, 2023

Present: Director Lance Kennedy, Ginger Comeau, Corey Pento, Rachel Quinlan, Nicole Pedro, George Grey; joined by Grant Nickerson in progress

Meeting opened @ 7:36 PM

Review of Minutes:

Commissioners reviewed minutes of the Oct 10, 2023 meeting. VOTE: Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting, made by George Grey; seconded by Nicole Pedro. All in favor.

Director's Report (presented by Director Lance Kennedy):

- Pembroke Youth Baseball/ Softball (taken out of order):
Director Kennedy and Town Manager Chenard met w/ PYBS's Executive Board. PYBS requested a figure for the terms of the lease, which Town Manager Chenard will provide to PYBS.
Pembroke Flag Football will work directly with the Recreation Dept rather than PYBS moving forward.
PYBS will likely continue to retain profits from field rentals for baseball tournaments to perform field upkeep.
Pembroke's legal counsel will be reviewing the verbiage of the lease of the Mattakeesett St. fields to PYBS to ensure optimal benefit to town.
Field lights should be installed within the next week or 2, and it is anticipated that the project will take 2 weeks to complete. Some clearing will occur around the field for access, and a power box will be installed closer to the field dedicated to the big diamond lights.
- Community Center Construction Update:
Construction continues to be on track; top floor drywall and light fixtures have been installed.
Employees from the company installing the lights are offering to perform a community service project in the future.
- Program Update:

After School staff continues to benefit from supervision and instruction as their skillset develops. Director Kennedy is working towards having wage appropriately raised to attract quality staffing candidates. Wage funding should come out of the revolving fund, though this has to be confirmed. This past summer, Director Kennedy was encouraged to use “incentives” to supplement wages.

The Recreation Dept would benefit from a “Friends of the Community Center” to spearhead programs like scholarship funds, additional fundraising opportunities, etc, to provide an additional platform for community involvement.

Director Kennedy and Asst. Director Fulmine attended a recent meeting of the South Shore chapter of the Mass Rec and Park Association, providing an opportunity to meet peers from other communities.

- Park Maintenance/ Projects Update:
All requested CPC funding were passed at Town Meeting, including funding to resurface the infield of Magoun Field and repair parking lot w/ improved drainage, repair/ install docks and ramps at Town Landing, perform an assessment for usage of Bezanson Field, and perform a Master Planning survey study.

Recreation Program Brainstorming:

- Commissioners brainstormed potential ideas for programming to occur at the new Community Center. Categories to consider included use of different spaces, such as gym, track, large multipurpose room with a kitchen (that can be further separated into 2 smaller rooms), and 5 smaller multipurpose rooms.

Commissioner Grant Nickerson joined during brainstorming session.

Community Committee Updates:

- CPC Committee: CPC funds approved at Town Meeting.
- Master Plan Committee: Commissioner Grey updated Board that the committee is working on a vision statement. The next meeting is in Dec, and the big picture plan continues to evolve.
- Open Space Committee: Commissioner Folan is not available tonight to provide an update.

Old Business:

- Unified Basketball- Commissioner Comeau has had some interest from community for players and volunteers. There is potential for adding an additional development team to the current competitive team in future seasons.
The team's first game is scheduled for Dec. 6.

Future Recreation Commission Meeting(s) Date(s) and Topics:

Tuesday, Dec 12 at 7:30 in Veterans Hall at Town Hall.

This will confirmed via email.

Adjournment: 9:32 pm

VOTE: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rachel Quinlan, seconded by George Grey. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Rachel Quinlan