

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

May 17, 2023, Room 7/Hybrid

Members Present: Olga Hayes, Mike Coyne, Muffin Driscoll

Member Absent: Sean Daly

Town Employee present: Cheryl Marshall, Director

Call to Order: 5:30

B. Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2023, meeting. Muffin Driscoll motioned to approve; Mike Coyne seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve.

C. Carnival in October – Emily McCavanagh & Tyler Pinstein were unable to attend this meeting. This item will be rescheduled to a future meeting date.

D. Pine Street Update

- Curbing is in so adequate parking has been established.
- It has been determined that one section of dirt will need to be retested. This pile is currently covered and will be retested again with a different test company.
- It is anticipated that the field will be ready for fall use and that Fall permitting will take place.
- Ms. Marshall indicated that the Parks & Recreation Department would be going back to the Conservation Commission to talk about an irrigation system.

E. Pickleball Update

- Olga Hayes made a motion to open the courts at 8 am and close courts at dark or 8 pm at the latest. Mike Coyne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- Ms. Marshall indicated that a Sound Engineer has been hired to make recommendations for soundproofing. His estimate to complete the work is 6-8 weeks.
- Ms. Marshall raised the idea of using an online scheduling system to reserve a pickleball court. After discussion surrounding the concerns of utilizing a system, the need for a staff member to monitor, and there appearing no direct concerns/issues with people using the courts without a reservation system it was decided not to move forward at this time with an online program.
- Ms. delRosario, 8 Forest Street was recognized by Olga Hayes, acting co-chair, to speak. Ms. Delrosario asked Ms. Marshall when the Sound Engineer was contacted? She also asked that the trash and rusty patio furniture be removed from the court areas. She stated that appropriate parking signs were needed on Forest Street and that cars are using her driveway to turn around. The board indicated to Ms. delRosario that she should contact the Police Department with her parking concerns as that is not under the purview of this committee. Ms. delRosario indicated that the pickleball courts are a noise nuisance and that her family's health is being impacted.

F. Special Event application – Olga Hayes moved to accept the request from Cape Ann Kids Ride to host the Cape Ann Kids Pan Mass Challenge on Sept. 30, 2023, and utilize Masconomo Park. Mike Coyne seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

G. Public Comment

Other Matters as may not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

- Olga Hayes made a motion to reappoint Mike Coyne to the CPC Committee as the Parks & Recreation representative. Muffin Driscoll seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- Mike Coyne made a motion to reappoint Olga Hayes to a new 3-year term on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Muffin Driscoll seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2023, at 5:30

Motion to adjourn by Olga Hayes and seconded by Mike Coyne at 6:16 pm