

**Town of Provincetown  
Recreation Commission Meeting  
Veterans Memorial Community Center  
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown  
Minutes of Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Members Present:** Treg Kaeselau, Tim Downey, Susan Cook, Carrie Notaro

**Members Absent:**

**Also in attendance:** Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director, Angelina Lammie; Town Manager, Sharon Lynn; Domenic Rosati; Custodio Silva; Candice Collins Bowden; David McChesney

**Call to order:** 5:40 pm

**Public comments:**

1) Deb Trovato – Needs more information on this parking task force proposal to park cars on Motta Field. Believes there is already enough parking in Provincetown, and there doesn't need to be any parking on Motta Field. Recreation Department was asked to move their department to old elementary school, to be closer to Motta Field.

2) Mike Trovato- Was against moving the Recreation Department in the first place and now I do not agree with letting cars park on Motta Field. I believe there is a deed restriction on Motta Field that regulates the use of that land. There was talk about rainy days only parking, which is an even bigger mistake with the mess cars can make in the mud. Recreation Department has given up enough, with their buildings; I don't think it's right that we take some space from the athletic fields.

3) Domenic Rosati – No one is taking away Motta Field, we are asking for the opportunity to look to park cars temporarily.

**New business:**

1) Parking task force –  
Custodio Silva – Asks permission from the Recreation Commission to research the feasibility of using Motta Field for parking during large events and busy days in Provincetown. Businesses are reporting that revenue has been down and tourists have been going to other towns, like Chatham, instead of Provincetown because of the lack of parking. The town must create more revenue to off-set a tax hike, believes the best revenue would be parking.

Candice Collins Bowden – Businesses have reported businesses are down.

Treg Keaselau – I agree that the town needs to create more revenue but I believe they need to look other places, not the Recreation Department. This is too much to ask from the Recreation Commission right now, we just vacated our building on Bradford Street to help save money, and create more revenue with the sale of the old community center. This field is one of the last open spaces in town where someone can throw or kick a ball around and not have to worry about cars.

Carrie Notaro – Believes it's time to put kids first; it's hard to have to keep fighting for our children.

Custodio Silva – disagrees with previous comment, the town must create revenue in order for families to be able to live in Provincetown.

Susan Cook – Motta Field authority was just granted to us by the school committee, give us time to get acclimated.

Tim Downey – Speaks against the idea, thinks it's a bad idea to use open space as a parking lot. Town should look into satellite parking and shuttle tourist in from parking lots out of town.

Susan – Motion to deny the request of the parking task force to research or use Motta Field for any parking.

Carrie – Second

Voted 4-0

**Old Business:**

None

**Directors Report:**

A) Summer program - Our summer program has been busy, we have had attendance in the range of 50-60 children per day. The program and the staff have adjusted well with the new location; the department has devised a plan where staff is with the children the entire time. Children are dropped off in the front of the building, walked down to our rooms by staff, and also accompanied by staff during any bathroom breaks or field trips. Parents and children seem to be happy with the new space, except with the conditions of the temperature in our rooms. We will fix that soon with the temporary AC units.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.