

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Tuesday, March 10th, 2015**

Members Present: David Oliver, Lori Arnott, Carrie Notaro, Heather Rogers

Members Absent: Timothy Downey

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director, Angelina Lammie

Call to order: 5:30 pm

Public comments:

A) None

New business:

- A) Portable picnic tables- The department is in need of more portable picnic tables for the children to eat lunch at during the summer program. The lowest quote for two 12 foot tables came from Park Street Playgrounds, at \$2,615. These will be placed behind the backstop underneath the trees at Motta Field. Carrie – Motion to purchase the two twelve foot tables from park street playgrounds for a total of \$2,615.00 to be paid out of the Community Center Gift Fund. Lori second. Voted 4-0. The department would also like to purchase a portable octagon picnic table with seat backs for the VMCC Playground. This table will also have an option for an umbrella, to provide shade. Carrie- Motion to purchase the octagon portable picnic table from park street playgrounds for a total of \$2,104.00 to be paid out of the Recreation Revolving account. David second. Voted 4-0.

Old Business:

- A) Community Preservation grant round, FY16- The Recreation Department's application, Mildred Greensfelder playground resurfacing project, has been recommended to town meeting to be funded for a total of \$65,000. This project will remove the sand and install a rubber pour-in-place surface, which is a cleaner and safer surface. One concern arose from the public that the runoff from the surface will add to the already insufficient drainage problem of Howland Street. Brandon assured the concerned citizen that proper drainage would be provided for the playground side only, cannot properly fix the drainage problem of the neighborhood. Brandon will be working with DPW on a drainage solution. David makes a motion to recommend the Mildred Greensfelder resurfacing project to be funded as part of the Fiscal year 16 Community Preservation grant round at town meeting. Heather second. Voted 4-0 to recommend to town meeting.

- B) Community Preservation representative from Recreation Commission – CPC is looking for a member from the recreation commission to sit on the recreation spot on the CPC board. Heather expresses interest and will get in touch with Michelle Jarusiewicz.

Director's Report:

- A) February Break childcare- The department offered child care on February break Tuesday-Friday from 9am-5pm, and saw an average of 25 kids per day. We had excellent activities planned such as pool, foosball, air hockey tournaments, arts and crafts, and the creature teacher came on Friday. He showed all the kids' different animals he had and taught a little about what they do and where they came from.
- B) Basketball update- Basketball games have been pushed back two weeks because of the snow days. We will now be ending basketball on March 21st, instead of March 6th. Two of our teams will be participating in the Billingsgate Tournament hosted in Wellfleet, grade 3&4, and 5&6 boys.
- C) Red Sox trip- The Department will be offering a free trip to go and see the Red Sox on May 24th. The Knights of Columbus have paid for 35 bleacher seats, and the Recreation Department will absorb the transportation cost. The children will only need to bring money if they plan on buying souvenirs or food at the park. This is the second year that the Knights have sponsored a trip, and we look forward to doing this each year.

Assistant Director's Report:

- A) COA/Rec Gardening project- The Rec Dept and COA are joining together for a garden project in the flower beds behind the VMCC. The children and seniors will first plant seeds indoors since it is still too cold and snowy to plant outside. The first plants will be flowers and then eventually we hope to plant vegetables. The maintenance and care will be an ongoing project for the Community Center.
- B) Afterschool Enrichment – The Rec Dept and Provincetown Schools were looking to come together to provide some extracurricular activities for Provincetown students. However, there was difficulty finding instructors for the various activities. Since we weren't able to find instructors to cover each activity, this Enrichment program will have to be postponed until the fall during the next school year.

Other: Other matters that may legally come before the board not known at the time of posting - votes may be taken.

- A) Vote to recommend or not to recommend Article 14, Capital Improvement- Veterans Memorial Community Center roof replacement, of the Special town meeting April 6th, 2015. Carrie – Motion to recommend article 14, capital improvement- veterans Memorial Community center roof replacement, to Special town meeting on April 6th, 2015. Lori Second Voted 4-0.
- B) Discussion on replacement of the flooring in the Rec/COA yoga/dance room-

With replacement of the roof as an article at town meeting, a group that uses the yoga/dance room has asked that we replace the current floor with a sprung floor.

Brandon- The group that has brought this to the town's attention consists of three of our dance classes, and Constance Clare-Newman is the contact person for this group. Currently the floor that was installed in the reconstruction project before the Recreation Department moved in is a poor surface. The quality is poor, and because of the leaks over the past two years, the floor is now buckling and peeling. I agree with Constance that the floor needs to be replaced but don't believe it needs to be a sprung floor. Initial costs to install a sprung floor are approximately \$15,000. This sprung floor would benefit the dance classes, but the department hasn't yet checked with other Rec programs or the Council on Aging programs that are held in the same room.

Heather- asks how many dance classes there are, and how many people attend those classes, and do they pay rent?

Brandon- There are three dance classes that run year round, and there are anywhere from 3-8 people in each, varies on the season. None of these programs have paid rent in the last year.

David- I believe we need to ask all of our programs about the possibility of sprung floor, and their preference, and then also check with the Council on Aging programs to make sure that the sprung floor does not create any issues there. Then we have to do a cost analysis, and then decide if it is worth spending \$15,000 for a sprung floor or is there a middle ground we can find? Brandon and Angel will check with other programs and COA, and we will keep the discussion going at the next meeting.

Carrie motion to adjourn.

Second Lori.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.