

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Wednesday, November 18th, 2015**

Members Present: David Oliver, Lori Arnott, Carrie Notaro, Timothy Downey

Members Absent: Heather Rogers

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta;

Call to order: 5:35 pm

Public comments:

- A) Letter from Dr. Laura Godtfredson read (Letter attached)
- B) Anna Meade- Spoke in favor of reducing the field rate for the women's flag football association at Motta field.

New business:

- A) FY 2017 CPA Project- Brandon has gathered estimates and a plan that would provide shade to the VMCC playground. Initial plans would be to provide shade to half of the play structure, and a large area along the fence where picnic tables would be placed so that the summer program, school, or COA could sit down eat lunch or a snack. The estimated cost is \$35,000, which is the total we will be requesting in a CPA grant.
Carrie- Motion- To proceed with the plans brought before the board tonight, and requests the funding through the fiscal year 17 Community preservation grant application.
Tim-second
Vote 4-0-0

Old Business:

- A) Dance/Fitness Floor- Brandon explains estimates for a sprung floor to be installed range from \$14,290.22 to \$18,000, which believes is very expensive cost, when considering the amount of dance classes the department holds, which is 4, that have attendance between 2-6 people in each. Brandon has spoken with Deputy Director Eric Larsen, and has been informed that a new hardwood floor could be installed at an approx. cost of \$3,000-\$4,000, and be installed by DPW staff.
David- Asks if there is an alternative to a sprung floor, that doesn't come with a large expense, but also has use for dance classes and fitness classes. David and Brandon will be contacting dance studios on the cape to see what they use for floors.
David-Motion to table decision to the December meeting, and have Eric Larsen attend meeting.
Carrie-Second
Vote 4-0-0 to Table discussion to next meeting.
- B) Women's Flag Football Association- Rec Fees Discussed. David asks about the custodian fee, believes there is not a need for a

custodian for this event; inside events are different where a building needs to be looked after.

- C) Brandon- I would agree with David, but would like an individual from the group to be at the field all weekend, and be able to communicate with Angel or Brandon.

Rental fee per day discussed- Brandon feels \$500 per day without the custodian fee is fair. David would like to see a reduction in the cost of the fee to \$250 per day; Provincetown does not want to lose this great event. This event brings a lot of business to the town on a late September weekend, and we have heard from many businesses owners the past few meetings that have expressed the same concern.

Carrie agrees, great event that we do not want to lose.

David Motion to reduce the rate of the Motta field use for the Women's flag football association from \$500 per day, to \$250 per day and do not require a custodian, under the terms someone will be in contact with Brandon all weekend.

Lori- Second

Vote 4-0-0

- D) East End Playground Surface Project- Brandon presents plan to commission. Park will not entirely be pour in place surface, it will a curved shape with grass planted around the round edges of the park. Plants will also be planted and picnic tables will be installed, making It look more like a park & playground. Eric Larsen has told Brandon that all of the work except installation of the pour in place and fence will be done in house saving the town money. Brandon thinks it's a great combination project to be done by two departments.

Tim- vote to approve the plans presented for the East End Playground Surface project

Lori- Second

Vote 4-0-0

Directors Report:

- A) Greet n' Treat participants- 28 Entrants giving out candy to the kids, 8 more than the previous year. Rec entrant gave out 120 bags of candy, and the public seem to be more involved in this event.
- B) Battle of the badges- 3rd annual Police vs. Fire game will be held on December 5th at 3pm at the high school gym, all proceeds will go to the 7/8th grade field trip to Costa Rica.
- C) New soccer goals- We were able to acquire materials for a second set of small goals for K-2nd grade. Flying plumber donated the PVC parts, Brandon and Carlos Verde put the goals together, Chris king donated the netting, from an old but unused fishing net and Todd Motta mended the nets to the goals. Thanks to all that provided material, and helped.

Lori motion to adjourn.

Second Heather.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Dear Board Members,

My name is Dr. Laura Godtfredsen from Wellesley. For the past two years my partner and I have attended the Kate Clinton's Women's Flag Football games in Provincetown. They are a wonderful opportunity for young women all over New England and the Atlantic States to come to the Town to participate in this amateur non-profit tournament.

This is a non-profit's shoe string operation and funded only by private donations to help buy equipment, pay officials, and help house the women during the three day program.

The cost the Board placed on the use of Motta Field this year was prohibitive. The games had to be held in Wellfleet.

I feel that these games belong in Provincetown and would like to make the case that the Town encourage these young women to stay in Town by making Motta Field available at a much reduced cost.

As a member of a number of women's organizations in the Boston area I have been active in encouraging women to come to Provincetown to attend the tournament.

As a professor of management I think it makes an excellent business argument to promote this event because the benefits to the Town far outweigh the costs of maintenance of Motta Field.

I am trying to encourage the leaders of Women's Week to sponsor an exhibition game as part of the program for next year.

This is a dynamic growing sport in many countries of Europe and South America. That Provincetown would be the New England hub for the tournament would draw more and more people to the Town.

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

Laura Godtfredsen Professor emerita, Babson College