

**Town of Provincetown  
Recreation Commission Meeting  
Veterans Memorial Community Center  
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown  
Minutes of Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Members Present:** David Oliver (Chairman), Lori Arnott, Heather Rogers, Tim Downey, Robert Enos II

**Members Absent:**

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

**Call to order:** 5:30 pm

**Public comments:**

A) None

**New business:**

A) Recreation Revolving Account- Brandon informs the commission that the Finance Director informed him that per Mass General Law, the Recreation revolving account shall not exceed \$10,000 at the close of each fiscal year and any amount in excess of \$10,000 shall be paid to the general fund. Current total in the revolving account: \$40,061. Discussion on projects and a list of items is determined:

- 1) Fix clock in VMCC gymnasium
- 2) Repair VMCC gymnasium floor, small section of the floor has damage from leaks
- 3) Playground equipment, repairs at West End Playground
- 4) New Basketball hoops in front of VMCC gymnasium

B) Next Community Preservation grant round- Brandon suggests to the commission that projects for the next CPC grant round need to be discussed, so the department is provided with a direction. West End Playground is discussed, after receiving great feedback from the improvements to the East End Playground.

David thinks it should be a multi-step project, like the East End.

Would like to see the West End courts to have multi-use functionality, have different opportunities than basketball.

Brandon- reviewing the data from last year's survey from last year, people in the community requested we provide more outdoor fitness activities, and this would be a great project to provide that.

Brandon will bring a list of activities that can be provided at the West End Playground to the next meeting.

Lori- Motion to recommend the bicycle committee's request for funding from the CPC in the amount of \$18,273 for bike racks and repair stations.

Heather second

Vote 3-0 to recommend

C) Facility Use Fee review- Current fees reviewed

Heather thinks larger events should pay higher fee.

Lori thinks everyone should get charged the same fee.

Robert thinks there should be different rates for in-season, and out of season, try an lure more events in shoulder season at a lower rate.

Brandon- Will come back to the next meeting with a fee schedule breaking down fees into tiers, related to season. Will bring some other comparisons from different towns, and town hall.

**Old Business:**

- A) Motta Field- The baseball diamond will be transformed into a softball diamond this spring.

**Director's Report:**

- A) Summer Program Theme- This Summer Program's theme will be Survivor, where the staff will emphasize teamwork. The Recreation Department will be putting a strong effort this summer to change the behavior and thinking of our children. We would like to create an environment at Rec this summer where all children interact with each other, and come together a whole.
- B) Free throw contest- Had 20 participants this year, was hoping for double. Will have a stronger push on the event next year.
- C) Battle of the Badges- The fundraiser basketball game between Police and Fire Departments raised \$832 for the Soup Kitchen. The police won overcame a strong effort by the fire department and pulled out the victory. It's a great annual community event, which raises money for organizations in need.

**Assistant Directors Report:**

- A) Clothing swap- Much better attended event this year than previous years. Constant flow of people in and out of the building, taking and bring clothes. The best thing about this year's event was that many families were able to bring bags of clothes home for themselves.
- B) February Vacation- We had an average of 25 kids per day, and had planned activities such as arts and crafts ports, and even a trip to the movies to see Lego Batman.

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

- A) Possible relocation of the skate park- Brandon has been asked by the Town Manager to determine the best relocation spot for the skate park in the event that the Police Station article is to move forward. The current proposal is to have the police station on the west side of the Jerome Smith property, which would require the skate park to be relocated.

Brandon- 1) East End Playground would be too small to fit the entire park, and would require to eliminate some equipment. Even if the department had to remove some equipment, the flow of the park would not work. You would have skaters rolling through the basketball courts to get to the back part.

2) West End Playground- The skate park would fit, however I do not think that's it's the appropriate place. It would require the entire basketball court, and the town would lose valuable open space where people have the opportunity to exercise. Also, the proximity to the adjacent abutters would be an issue, as we already field many complaints over the summers use about loud noise. Adding a skate park would multiply those complaints. As the commission discussed earlier, the future of that playground is multi-use, and this would only facilitate one use. This park is not a real option.

3) Motta Field- The field is my choice, if relocations were necessary. There is space at the field that is not being utilized to it

maximum potential. Relocation of the skate park to Motta Field would also fit your criteria of making our parks more multi-use, without taking any valuable space away. Proximity to abutters will not be an issue, and the parking is better with having it on Winslow Street and near the Veterans Memorial Community Center.

Discussion: David agrees, thinks Motta Field would be the best suited  
Heather asks about the soccer field on Jerome Smith Road.

Brandon explains that the property is not able to handle the weight load, because of leaching fields or part of the town's sewer system is below it. Lori agrees Motta Field is the best possible relocation spot for the skate park

Heather: Motion: Set Motta Field as a possible relocation spot for the skate park, dependent of the Article 8 Capital improvement number 1, Police station, Annual town meeting 2017, passing the vote at town meeting and the ballot.

Lori- Second

Voted 5-0

David makes a motion to adjourn.

Lori seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.