

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

Members Present: David Oliver (Chairman), Lori Arnott, Bobby Enos, Tim Downey, Kristin Hatch, Heather Rogers

Members Absent:

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

Call to order: 5:30 pm

Public Comment:

Public Hearing to discuss and gather community input about Motta Field upgrades and relocation spots for the Skate Park-Peter Grosso representing both the Pan Mass Challenge and the Lions Club and wants to give input from both groups. The PMC is requesting that the Rec Commission take their event into consideration and not place the Skate Park in areas that they use on the field (represented in photo map attached). Peter G. also notes that PMC pays over \$4000 to use the field each year. The Lions Club is requesting that the Skate Park not be placed on the perimeter of the field as they use the perimeter for parking during the 3 busiest days of the year in Provincetown (4th of July, Carnival and Labor Day). David O. asks if this spot that Peter G. is requesting is in the middle and would take over the baseball diamond? Peter G. says yes but baseball hasn't been played there in years and the softball diamond in the back of the field would still be available for softball and tee ball. Peter G. adds that he has been brainstorming other options but the only other available space is on the field near Jerome Smith and that is too close to the highway and even more difficult for skateboarders to access. Peter G. agrees that Motta Field is the only safe option since it is an open space that is enclosed and it is closer to the center of town. Bobby E. reminds everyone that there are many factors to look at and thanks Peter G. for his input. David O. explains that there is also a survey out online to gather more feedback. Angel L. reads a letter sent to the Rec Commission by community member Tracy Kachtick-Anders. See attached. Bobby E. asks if we could get a land survey of the property so that we know exactly what space we are working with on Motta Field. Kristin H. suggests looking into funding available for this type of project. Brandon M. says he will look further into that.

New Business:

- A) Discussion about FY19 Recreation Fees-Brandon explains to the board that Provincetown Rec's Summer Program fees are considerably lower than other towns on the Lower Cape, going forward we need to decide if we want to remain this very low but affordable price or if we want to raise the fees slightly and get closer to sustaining our program. Bobby E. mentions the sliding scale idea he had back in February and said he can bring it to the next meeting. Bobby E. explains that this fee structure would give the lowest fees to town residents/students and give a slightly higher rate to Lower Cape families. David O. suggests that the topic be tabled until next meeting.

Old Business:

- A) Athletic/Dance Room Floor-Brandon updates the Commission to let them know that there is enough funding to renovate the floor in the dance room with Rec funding and the money that was privately fundraised by Constance Clare-Newman. Brandon has the same floor company that did the gymnasium coming to look at the dance room floor soon.

Director's Report:

- A) FY 2019 Budget-Brandon reports that the Rec Department is putting in a request for additional funding in the budget for an additional staff member for the Summer Program. This staff member title would be Special Needs Coordinator. This qualified person would

have a dual role where they would provide summer staff with strategies and use their experience to implement techniques to improve the quality of the Summer Recreation Program for participants with special needs, and this person would act as a 1:1 aid with a child that may need this service. Brandon explains that we have seen an increase in participants that require additional services and this would help meet the needs of all participants.

Assistant Director's Report:

- A) Police vs Fire Fundraiser Game- Angel reports that the Police vs Fire fundraiser game date has not been determined but hoping for some time in January. Possibly during the long weekend.

David O makes a motion to adjourn.
Kristin H seconds.
Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Attachment 1:



Attachment 2:

Angel Lammie

From: Brandon Motta
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Angel Lammie
Subject: Fwd: comments on Motta Field

Print this for tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vincents Ear Art Shop <vincentsear.art@gmail.com>
Date: November 22, 2017 at 7:10:21 PM EST
To: Brandon Motta <bmotta@provincetown-ma.gov>
Subject: comments on Motta Field

To whom it may concern,

I am very excited about the potential placement of the skate park at Motta Field. My kids and I already visit Motta Field on a regular basis. We fly airplanes, play tennis, run in the grass, play with our dog, and participate in recreation sports all at the field. We also attend events at the field, such as Trunk or Treat.

While my kids and I like going to the skate park in its present location, I do not let my kids go alone there because of the travel to and from along the road without sidewalks. I absolutely LOVE the idea of it being moved to Motta Field. There are many entry points to the field and children can arrive safely from several directions. It makes sense also to incorporate it into the area for other recreational activities. I also think that skate parks sometimes get a bad rap, as if some bad element is involved in the sport. Perhaps there will be more legitimacy if it is next to the other activities. I also would not let anyone try to convince folks that it is dangerous or attracts naughty kids. I lived in Nyack, NY before moving here and it now boasts a world class skate park after local citizens did major research and proved that skate parks are a great addition to any town.

Thank you for your consideration, Tracy Kachtick-Anders