**Town of Westborough Recreation Department**

**Recreation Commission**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 **Location:** Memorial Hall, Town Hall, 34 West Main St. Westborough, MA 01581

**Convened:** 6:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 7:25 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Beth Travis, Jennifer Kirkland, Bill Clausen, Brian Kane, and Grethel Guzman-Ruck.

**Others Present:** Andrew Bradley

**Committee Members Absent:** Matt Griffith, Colleen Dowd, Mike Wilsker, Katie Welch, and Josh Aponte.

**Roundtable: Youth Policy || VOTE**

Jennifer proposed some guidelines for the Roundtable: Youth Forum. The commission decided to amend Section A.3. where it originally states that “Discussion should be kept to a maximum of 15 minutes” and add that the commission has full discretion to vote to increase the time limit during a discussion. Brian added that as a commission, we can always alter the guidelines later if need be.

Beth made the motion to approve the proposed Roundtable Youth Forum policy with the amendment. Brian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The Roundtable Youth Forum policy with the amendment was approved.

Jennifer presented flyers that are going to be used to promote the Roundtable: Youth Forum. The commission agreed that we must ask the youth at one of the roundtable meetings for more information on which social media platforms are best for us to use to communicate with them.

**Appoint Walkup Robinson Trust Position || VOTE**

Beth is on the Walkup Robinson Trust but the Recreation Commission needs to appoint a second person to the Trust. Brian agreed to become a member.

Bill made the motion to appoint Brian to the Walkup Robinson Trust. Beth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. Brian Kane was appointed to the Walkup Robinson Trust.

**Recreation: Updates to Include Winter Programs, Golf Course || \*\* Jennifer Kirkland**

Basketball is still running with no issues. We will speak more about the Positive Coaching Alliance once Colleen Dowd is able to attend the meeting. Brian wanted to recognize Allen Gerofsky and Mark Spaulding Sr. for being excellent referees. We received feedback that elementary basketball players wanted to have playoffs so we will be having them this year. Josh is running the final weeks of the Ski program. Grethel is translating the Spring and Summer 2024 Brochure into Spanish. Bill suggested perhaps having the ability to have the website itself in multiple languages. Jenn explained that there is a feature already where someone could simply right-click and translate the page to whichever language they want. Jennifer said she would look further into this. The Recreation Department took in around $62,000 in registrations for spring and summer programs on registration opening day. The Recreation Department is going to be introducing a girls soccer program this summer. Brian and Bill spoke about the importance of the sense of community in sports has on the longevity of that sport in town.

The golf course is still closed. Matt is available at times to take memberships. Jennifer and Matt will be meeting sometime this week about food trucks.

**Community Center Updates || \*\* Jennifer Kirkland**

We are still working through negotiations to purchase the building.

Bill asked why we are not considering making the recreation section of the building a gym, as it was when Boston Sports Club had the space. Jennifer explained that Boston Sports Club is taking their equipment with them but that this could be a possibility in the future if it is brought up with a community engagement survey.

**Approve Minutes: January 2, 2024 || VOTE**

Bill made the motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2024. Brian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0-0 and the motion carried. The minutes from January 2, 2024 were approved.

**Next Meeting: Memorial Hall, March 5, 2024**

Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Beth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0-0 and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Rec. Commission approved these minutes on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grethel Guzman-Ruck