Date: 03/07/2022

Recreation Director: Mary Sawyer

Commission members present: Sherry Ryan, Matt LaBounty, Melissa Perry and Christine Cook

Purpose of the meeting: Regularly Scheduled Recreation Commission Meeting

Meeting called to order: 6:03 pm

Consent Agenda

Minute approval pushed to next meeting

Old Business

Briggs Park – Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship project

Mary Sawyer spoke to zoning department and town manager and together they drafted a letter to the abutting neighbor to state the intentions of the town to make improvements to the park.

Mary spoke to the neighbor on the phone and asked the commission if right of way access should be granted to the neighbor. The recommendation of the commission is to follow up with the zoning department regarding the request.

Elaine Calderone to have the engineering firm change plans to use existing driveway.

Eagle Scout Project- Briggs Park

Grayson Snyder, a life scout from troop 121 Hopkinton, presented his Eagle Scout project proposal for Briggs Park. His plan included fundraising to obtain materials for building picnic tables, cleaning up trails, installing fencing.

Christine Cook made a motion to allow Grayson to proceed with sourcing materials, fundraising and construction. Motion seconded by Melissa Perry, all in favor, so voted.

Crandall Field Playground Update

As of meeting Yardworks had not started drainage project and schedule was TBD.
Mary Sawyer to check on status of playground equipment and schedule of install.

Questions surround how the lack of playground equipment will impact the planned summer camp program.

Recreation Director Report

- Mary Sawyer was asked by town to get estimates to repair existing tennis and basketball courts, in addition to costs to improve the activities center
  - Tennis estimate was roughly $24,000 and was placed on the CIP goals list
  - Still waiting on basketball court repair estimates
  - Mary met with architect and contractor
    - Architect suggested cost to improve center would be roughly $500,000 to $750,000
    - Contractor estimated new roof, siding, windows, doors and room over existing decking would cost ~$250,000
- Walls in Crandall house were painted
- Mary has upcoming meeting with RIPTA to discuss transportation needs within the town

Review and Upcoming Programs

- Basketball finishing up 3/13- trying season due to COVID but is worked well
- First Pizza/Lego night went well and additional similar events are planned for the future.
- Visiting nurse 1st Tuesday of each month
- Senior field trip potentially Van Gogh exhibit or Carol Burnett Show
- 2 day Feb break camp was well attended and plans for a similar format during April vacation are in the works
- Tee ball to be held, 5-week program will run May-June
- Soccer program will be held with Coach Ryan
- Meeting to discuss fall fest planning to be setup
- Spring concert series concept is being developped
- Summer camp planning is underway.

Next meeting date will be held April, 4th 2022 at 6:00pm in the Crandall House

Motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm. All in favor. So Voted

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Christine Cook-Recreation Commission Secretary