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## RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

07 November 2016

Commission Members Present: Kevin Turner, Chair, Joe O'Brien, Vice Chair, Renee Dowling, Richard Sawyer, and Kathy Pina

Absent: Rene King and Paul Demanche

Also Present: Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services, Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services, and Joe Izzo, General Manager HYCC, and

The meeting was called to order at 5:30, all commissioners present introduced themselves. Motion made by Richard Sawyer to accept the minutes from the last meeting as submitted; second by Joe O'Brien. **VOTE - All in Favor**

Public Comment – None

HYCC Staff Report, Joe Izzo – **Handout (Exhibit A)**

### **NOVEMBER OUTLOOK**

- November Events
  - Winter program registration began Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Election November 8<sup>th</sup> – three precincts vote in the gymnasium
  - Cape Cod Cranberry Classic Girls Hockey Tournament (Thanksgiving weekend)
  - High School Basketball returns to the gym (11/28)
    - Sturgis East / Sturgis West / St John Paul
  - High School Hockey returns to the ice (11/28)
    - Barnstable High School / St John Paul / Mashpee-Monomoy

### **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cape Cod Old Time Hockey Tournament (Friday 9/16 and Saturday 9/17)
- Youth Hockey Season in full swing
  - Barnstable Youth Hockey Association and New England Junior Hurricanes
- High School Volleyball – games and practices
  - Sturgis East & Sturgis West
- Touch-A-Truck - (Saturday 9/17)
- HYCC Halloween Carnival & Skate (10/28)
- Pickleball returned to the gym (10/31)

### **GIFT CERTIFICATES – NOW AVAILABLE**

Gift certificates are available just in time for the holiday season. You can now purchase individual certificates for many of our programs. We currently offer: Public Skate Certificate, Stroller Skate Certificate, Stick Time Certificate, Walk-On Figure Skating Certificate, Day Pass Certificate and Membership Certificate.

## **FACILITY OPERATIONS**

- The HYCC and Department of Public Works have been working together to address the various operational issues.
  - An RFP has been posted soliciting for a company to serve as the “On Call Industrial HVAC and Industrial Refrigeration (Ice Rink) Contractor” for the HYCC.
- I would like to thank Chris Gonnella and his guys from Structures and Grounds for all they do in making our grounds look so good. They have done an awesome job all year and I cannot thank them enough for all that they do.

## **RINK PRICING MATRIX – PROPOSED CHANGES**

Attached you will find the HYCC Rink Pricing Matrix changes that we are proposing for FY18. We are not proposing to increase to our current maximum price of \$250, but increasing some of the other rates. Also included in the handout is an ice rate comparison from other rinks in Massachusetts. *Discussion followed. Joe Izzo stated do not need the Commission’s approval tonight but the fee increase request needs to be presented to the Town Manager in December for the February 2017 vote. The Commission tabled till December’s meeting and will vote then.*

## **BWB Playground PowerPoint presented by Lynne Poyant – Exhibit A Lynne read the following directly from the presentation:**

*The Barnstable Community Playground aka “The Wooden” was conceived 30 years ago by a group of community members and parents who felt that BWB students needed a playground and the children of the greater community needed a place to play and explore after school, on weekends, and during school vacations. The funds were privately raised and the playground was built by a total of 1,000 community volunteers who were overseen by the playground’s designers, Leathers & Associates. The unique qualities of The Wooden have had such a deep impact on the residents of the Town of Barnstable that to replace it with anything less special does a disservice to the original planners; current, former, and future BWB students; and all of the children of Barnstable and Cape Cod.*

### ***Why do we need to replace the closed playground when we have one playground remaining?***

- 1. There are 264 students enrolled at BWB and we have approximately 130 students at each recess and the remaining playground only has the ability to handle approximately 50 students at a time, leaving 80 to find something else to do.*
- 2. Presently there are no swings on the property as both sets were closed by the Facilities department in September of 2015*
- 3. Per school policy students are not permitted to bring in sports equipment from home (i.e. lacrosse sticks, footballs, etc.) which eliminates another type of recess activity*
- 4. We have 3-4 staff members monitoring recess and to send a staff member with a portion of students onto the black top to play basketball, four square, etc would put a great pressure on the remaining staff to keep all students in the line of sight since this area is on the other side of the building.*
- 5. Several of our district’s elementary schools have two playgrounds - we are not seeking more than any other school has to offer its students. We are simply seeking to replace the playground that is currently on site with a similar structure.*

***This is more than just the BWB elementary school playground***

*Several Barnstable High School graduating classes have had their class photos taken here - with most of those students NOT having attended BWB but who realized how special the Barnstable Community Playground was to all children in town. One of the Barnstable Recreation Department's Summer Camp programs is sited at BWB and their campers have used, and will use going forward, the playgrounds on property. Engagements have occurred on the playground - really, we've seen pictures! We are a Cape Wide destination playground listed in many local Children's Directories our committee launched FaceBook page, in response to a flood of inquiries, to keep the public informed as to why the playground had to come down and to be transparent about the process to replace it - amazingly one post reached over 5,800 people within hours. The outpouring of support to help us rebuild a similar type of playground has been overwhelming and far reaching - from Barnstable to Missouri to California and even France!*

### **Why go "out of the box" to rebuild?**

*BWB students have had significant losses over the past 2 years – a long time and beloved principal retired, the long standing tradition of a Halloween Parade was taken away, and students have lost all their swing sets and a truly amazing playground - let's bring this community together to move past these losses and focus on a positive and truly exciting outcome for all involved.*

*The communications our committee has received from far and wide fervently hopes that we are able to rebuild with a similar type of playground (using modern materials and in full compliance with current safety codes) - not the 'cookie cutter' playgrounds that are found at every school.*

*The sense of community that develops with a child centered design process and volunteer build is remarkable - something the BWB community, and beyond, could use right now!*

### **How will this committee facilitate this project?**

*Our committee is comprised of BWB parents, community members, and BWB Principal Karen Cloutier, Town Councilors John Flores and Phil Wallace, and BWB alumni.*

*We have received approval from the Barnstable School Committee to embark upon this project and have been working closely with Principal Karen Cloutier and Director of Facilities David Kanyock and have met with Director of Property & Risk Management David Anthony and Chief Procurement Officer Johanna Boucher to be sure we are aware of and follow all proper protocols as we work towards rebuilding our playground.*

*Our committee will request a long term maintenance contract be a part of the project per the request of David Kanyock; of which the first \$1000 will be covered by the Facilities Dept budget.*

*Our committee facilitated the removal of one of the condemned swing sets and is awaiting cooperation from Mother Nature to demolish and remove the debris of the Wooden Playground (estimated savings of up to \$30,000 to the Facilities Department according to David Kanyock) which will decrease the town and district's liabilities as children are still playing on the closed Wooden Playground after school hours - despite caution tape surrounding the structure.*

*Our committee is actively fundraising to generate at least \$150,000 towards the total playgrounds costs.*

### **Our Goals**

*To build upon the child centered design process started with Play By Design in the Spring of 2016*

*Link the existing handicap ramp from the tennis courts to the new playground where fully accessible playground components will be built in addition to a handicap swing on the swing sets*  
*Recruit volunteers to raise funds and assist our future installation company in the building of the Playground*

*Raise at least \$450,000 to build the playground and establish a long term maintenance contract. Towards that end, we have accepted \$50,000 from BWB Principal Karen Cloutier's 2015-2016 budget and are pursuing \$250,000 in CPC funds while acknowledging that we will be required to follow all procurement laws that are applicable when using public funds on a project.*

Richard Sawyer stated they did come before the CPC with a letter of intent, the CPC has tabled as we felt their dollar figures were vague, asking CPC for \$250,000 for a total of around \$450,000 they couldn't tell us why. The field study hasn't been done yet and concerned the location may have to change. Lynne Poyant stated the field study was going out to RFP next week and then would hit the ground running. Patti Machado stated the field study would not affect the location of the BWB Playground. Kevin Turner stated that the principal and the school committee have approved the new playground. Discussion followed. Kevin stated they are just asking for our approval, not for funding from us. Joe O'Brien made motion to support BWB in asking for the building of a playground at the school; Renee Dowling second; Richard Sawyer opposed; Kevin, Joe, Renee and Kathy approved. **VOTE-Passed**

#### **Dog Park Update, Rogers Parsons, Town Engineer – Handout (Exhibit B)**

##### **Benefits of Dog Parks**

- Off-leash
- Exercise
- Socialization
- Less aggressive
- Great opportunity for people to gather and socialize

##### **Stanton Foundation Funding**

- Foundation supports areas where Frank Stanton was unable to complete his charitable intentions during his lifetime.
- Canine welfare
- Strives to approach the question of "What is good for the dog?"
- Good evidence that dog parks enhance the welfare of dogs, strengthen the human/dog bond and build community.

##### **Design Grant**

100% Funded

##### **Construction Grant**

90% Foundation/10% Town

##### **Capital Improvements Grants**

3 separate grants equal to 5% of the construction cost to make capital improvements to the park, no earlier than 12, 18, and 24 months after the park opens. All capital improvement grants must be used in the first 5 years after park opens.

##### **Rice Stone Surfacing**

**Benefits** - soft on paws and less movement from activities

**Negatives** - reports of stones getting caught in paws and expensive



3/8" Washed River Stone Surfacing

**3/8" Washed River Stone Surfacing**

**Benefits** - less expensive and less chance of getting caught in paws

**Negatives** - reports of stones getting caught in paws and expensive

**Sand Surfacing** - provides a controlled location for digging; locate in shady areas; reduces maintenance requirements

**Site Plan**



Discussion followed.

**Joshua's Pond Presentation – Roger Parsons, Town Engineer - Handout (Exhibit C)**

Roger stated should have started with the fact that both these projects are on budget and on schedule, both to open next spring. Joe O'Brien made a motion for the Commission's continued support of the Dog Park, Renee Dowling second. **Vote-All in Favor.** Roger Parsons stated the fundamental features we wish to pursue at Joshua's are safety, continued enjoyment, improve water quality and be acceptable to the users and neighbors and believe we are on a good track for that. We have worked closely with immediate neighbors. If necessary gates, as we are aware of the issues at this site.

Town will continue to maintain as we have in the past. Parking will be 35-37 spots maximum. The Village Association after initial meeting to make a choice preferred Concept 1.

### Joshua's Pond Site Improvement Goals

- Improve function of parking area
- Improve aesthetics of facility
  - New pavement
  - Additional plantings
  - Improved lawn areas
- Provide enhanced access opportunities for all users
- Improve pedestrian safety and access
- Utilize low impact development techniques for the capture and treatment of storm water
  - Rain Gardens
  - Vegetated swales
  - Use durable and low maintenance materials

Below is Concept 1. Discussion followed.

#### **FEATURES**

- Radial parking layout
- 37 Parking spaces
- 3 Handicap parking spaces
- One way circulation
- Improved safety with a prominent pedestrian pathway from the bathhouse
- Planted buffer between the parking lot and the pedestrian path
- Rain Gardens to capture stormwater
- **Total Paved Area:**  
**19,100 sq. feet**
- **Added usable green space at top of hill: 4,000 sq. feet**



### **JOSHUA POND PARK CONCEPT 1**

OCTOBER 2016

Richard Sawyer made a motion to recommend Concept 1 for Joshua's Pond to the Town Manager; Joe O'Brien second. **Vote – All in Favor**

#### **Staff Report, Patti Machado – Handout (Exhibit D)**

##### **A. Programs**

- a. Fall Program Enrollment comparisons - Attached
- b. Winter Registration – Begins Wednesday, November 1st
  - i. On-line/in person registration – Flyer attached

- c. Special Invitation – November 18th – Senior Center RSVP – 6:30pm-Friday Night Social Thanksgiving Dinner
- d. Turkey Shoot Special Event
  - i. November 12<sup>th</sup> (information inside the Winter Brochure pg. 2)
- e. Skate Park - update CPC
- f. UConn Trip – See attached flyer *Patti stated hoping for 2-3 buses to support Molly Bent.*

**B. Administration**

- a. NRPA Conference just under 9000 professionals in attendance from all over the world. Classes that I attended:
  - i. NRPA Wildlife Explorers Program
  - ii. How to stay cool when things Heat up
  - iii. NRPA Research
    - 1. Dog Park user statistic
    - 2. Recommendations for Older Adult Community Leisure Service
    - 3. Sports Participation for Adult Woman
  - iv. 60 New Programs – Armed Forces Around the world
  - v. Effectively Managing Multiple Aquatic Facilities
  - vi. LGBTQ 101
  - vii. Aquatic Networking Meeting**
  - viii. Four Pillars of Sustainable Leadership
  - ix. Peek Park (Overview of Mexico's Successful Dog Parks)
  - x. Training Platforms
  - xi. Emergency Planning Initiatives – Homeland Security
  - xii. How Performance Measures Can help you solve your business Mysteries
- b. My Choice Matters (See Attached Packet) *Patti stated tips on how to respond to peer pressure. It is a summit on Parenting to Prevent Substance Use.*

**C. Aquatics**

- a. Beach Revenues broken down (see attached)

**Liaison's Report – None**

**Matter's Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair – None**

**New Business** – Kevin Turner stated will check with other commissions on their attendance requirements, and we will have attendance on next month's agenda.

Motion made by Richard Sawyer to adjourn Renee Dowling second; **Vote - All in Favor.**

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

**\*\*Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 On-Demand at**

<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us>

Respectfully submitted by **Michele Arigo**, Recreation Division

<b>Board, Committee, or Commission Name</b>		<b>RECREATION COMMISSION</b>				
<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>Material Dated</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
11/7/16	11/7/16	11/7/16	Joe Izzo	RC	Staff Report	A
11/7/16	11/7/16	11/7/16	Roger Parsons	RC	Dog Park	B
11/7/16	11/7/16	11/7/16	Roger Parsons	RC	Joshua's Pond	C
11/7/16	11/7/16	11/7/16	Patti Machado	RC	Staff Report	D