



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION



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RECREATION COMMISSION

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I. PRELIMINARIES

- A. **Call To Order** by Renen King (Madam Chair) at 5:30 PM
1. **Notice of Recording:** Please note that this meeting is being recorded and will be replayed via Xfinity Channel 8 or high definition Channel 1072. It may also be accessed via the Government Access Channel live video on demand archives on the Town of Barnstable's website:
<https://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/show/10851?channel=1>
- B. **Roll Call**
1. Commissioners Present:
 - Rene King, Chair
 - Tim Lus
 - Sharon Brown
 - Tony Lapolla
 - James O'Leary
 - Alyssa Chase
 2. **Commissioners Absent:** Brendan Burke
 3. **Also Present:** John Gleason, Director of Recreation Division
- C. **Act On Minutes** – No motion was made to act on minutes

II. OLD BUSINESS – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **YOUTH ATHLETIC FOUNDATION** – Ann Bearse, Executive Director and Patrick Lentell
1. Mission is to provide funding for athletic equipment and participation fees to students in need on the Cape and Islands ages 4 – 18 years
 - a. Students are identified by a social service agent through a school or a community program
 - b. The agent would complete an online form and email it to the Foundation

- c. They partner with Butler Sports and Hanlon Shoes; partnerships may expand as they grow bigger
 - i. They order the equipment directly from these retailers for the children
- d. If money is needed for fees, the money will be sent directly to the organization
- e. Looking to get the word out
- f. Tim Lus asked if there are any requirements to receive assistance
 - i. Currently there are none
- g. Alyssa Chase asked if they have reached out to local schools
 - i. They have and have received a couple of orders from this
 - ii. Pat Lentell said they've reached out to Barnstable Intermediate School and Jim Butler of Butler Sports has reached out to schools as well resulting in orders from Nauset, Capabilities and the Keith Putnam program as well as an order for a female who went to the Triathlon Nationals
- h. Fundraising efforts
 - i. They are part of the road race put on by the Rotary called Miles For Smiles
 - ii. Took part in a tennis tournament at Kings Grant Tennis Club in Cotuit
 - iii. Will be taking part in the Second Summer Cycle event
 - iv. Took part in the Spectacle of Trees
 - v. Raised close to \$25,000 this past year and expect to raise \$40,000 - \$45,000 this year with the majority to be used for grants for children
 - vi. An upcoming fundraising event to be shared with other non-profits called Peddlepalooza will be held at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center on April 6, 2024 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM
 - vii. Rene King wants to keep the Recreation Commission connected with the Youth Athletic Foundation for a possible future partnership

B. HYANNIS ROTARY HOME, GARDEN and LIFESTYLE SHOW – Dennis Miller, President and Scott Peterson

- B. Dennis Miller provided background information of the Rotary Club
 - a. The home show is their largest fundraising event of the year
 - b. They are involved in the Miles For Smiles Road Race
 - c. They support organizations including Capabilities, Champ Homes, Caitlin's Closet



- d. They do projects such as purchasing a handicap ramp for a local resident
- e. In the last 15 years they've donated around \$500,000 around Cape Cod and the Island area
- f. The approach they take is that they are a philanthropic organization and their manta is to help children and families in need
- g. They go looking for fundraisers to support these goals
- h. They've also given around \$75,000 in scholarships in the last few years
- i. The number of vendors interested in participating in the home show has dropped since covid so this year's event will be held at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center instead of at the Barnstable High School
- j. The show will include a raffle, a speaker series, the Family Table Collaborative, a free seedling give away, hands on workshops, line dancing, yoga, a free family ice skate, etc.
- k. Went to a sponsor format with Hyannis Honda as the sponsor, so the admission will be free

IV. RECREATION STAFF REPORT – JOHN GLEASON (See Handout A)

- A. Youth Commission
 - 1. Job Fair to be held on March 6, 2024 from 2:30 – 4:30PM
- B. Recreation Programs
 - 1. February Vacation Program was held with 20 registrants
 - 2. Spread The Love Campaign completed the create a Valentine for senior citizens
 - 3. 4th and 5th grade girls basketball program championship game was a successful and fun time for all with John refereeing the game
 - 4. 4th and 5th grade boys basketball program will have their season finals game with John refereeing the game
 - 5. Half Day of Play program went to the Blake Planetarium in Plymouth
 - 6. Winter programs are finishing up
 - 7. Spring registration begins on March 6, 2024
 - 8. Summer Leisure Program registration begins on April 10, 2024
 - 9. New vendors have been awarded bid contracts for program tee shirt production
- C. Aquatics
 - 1. Parking Permit issuance is ongoing
 - 2. Lifeguard Tryouts are April 27th, May 11th and June 1st with applications online
 - 3. All summer positions are available and can be found online



4. John had a meeting with Marine and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Public Works about dogs on the beaches and the raking of the beaches
 - a. They are looking for other areas in town for dogs to be allowed so the inability to rake the beaches won't impact recreation or people swimming and/or walking on the beach
 - b. Nina Coleman is working with the state on regulations to hopefully be able to rake the beaches more
- D. Administrative
 1. John presented at the Inside Town Government presentation
 2. Two new part time division assistants have been hired and started work
 3. Centerville Recreation Playground was closed due to issues with retaining walls
 - a. Chris Gonnella is working with the Town Manager's office to get a decision on whether or not to reopen it
 - b. The town is still seeking funds from the Community Preservation Committee for the ball field on this property
 4. The Osterville Playground Committee has received from the playground consultant a mockup of the first draft of what the playground would look like
 - a. Further discussions on what was presented were held and an updated version was provided based on these discussions
 - b. As this process progresses the town will hold a minimum of one meeting to hear what the community is planning for equipment and to offer their input

Rene King asked about the effort to hold a Certified Lifeguard Class at Barnstable High School – John will check to get updates on this

VIII. LIAISONS REPORTS

- A. Sandy Neck – Rene King
 1. The final review of the design of the Sandy Neck Beach Facility will be held on March 14, 2024 at town hall

IX. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

A. NEXT MEETING'S NEW BUSINESS – BARNSTABLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, HENRY STEVENS

Sharon Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tony Lapolla seconded. **VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR.** Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING April 1, 2024

