

Lancaster Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2024
7:00 PM via ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting will be called to order at 7:06 PM

Committee Members present: Win Clark- Chairman, Tom Woods- Member,
Kim Shah- Member, Sherry Cutler- Member, Mark Renczkowski- Member

Others present: Samantha Zediker- Health & Human Services Administrator
Deb E'ramo- Resident

Join Zoom Meeting

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II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

MOTION: To approve January 18, 2024, meeting minutes.

VOTE: unanimously approved.

III. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES & PUBLIC HEARING

None

IV. UPDATES/DISCUSSION

- CPA Project Status/Application
 - Tennis Court application for CPA funding was pulled due to there being to any unknowns about the viability of the project. A lot of questions around the water table.
 - This application will be resubmitted next year, therefore enough time can be dedicated to make sure it's understood if the courts can stay where they are or need to be relocated.
 - Committee member question- Was someone hired to evaluate the courts?
 - Committee Chairman—No. It needs to be determined where the money for this evaluation would come from. Proposed CPA funds were only for the construction of the courts not the engineering study or hydrology study.

- The funding will not be lost, it will go back to the undesignated CPA fund and can be applied to any CPA application(s) submitted next year.
 - Beach gate—Conversations occurred at the CPA meeting last week with concerns of limiting access to the beach/parking area.
 - The intent is not to limit access—Chairman has asked HHS Director, Kelly Dolan to talk with the Police Chief, Everett Moody on possible policies around beach use when not lifeguarded.
 - Gate is just being moved out a bit, but not abutting the road.
 - Resident comment- Concern with the gate being moved too far out toward the road, not allowing people to access the beach at all.
 - Committee member comment- Is there a reason why the new gate won't go back to where it is currently placed?
 - Committee Chairman—The gate needs to be moved out a bit to allow for better management of the parking lot when the beach is opened and closed.
- Programming
 - Summer programming = 60 registrations
 - Flyers are being sent home to MRE kids tomorrow in backpacks.
 - Spring programming
 - Super Tots—Mini Sports ages, 2 years old, 3 years old, 4- & 5-year-old programs
 - Babysitting Course in April & June
 - Safe @ Home Course in May
 - Open Gym- 2-3 Fridays per month
 - Other nights to look at hosting—Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday
 - Parents Night Out- 1 Friday per month
 - 2/16= 5 kids registered-- program running!
 - March 23- Free Throw Competition at LBMS
 - Hosted by our new Recreation Program Administrator, Tim Shepple.
 - Tim joined our team a week or so ago! (Part-time)
 - Worcester State student
 - Joining us from Bolton recreation—running the beach there and working in summer programming.
 - Pickleball—offering 4 different 1-day clinics (Learn to Play) and 3-6-week Skills clinics.
 - Pickleball Tournament in May
 - Other summer programming
 - Archery at night (5:30pm or 6pm start) outside! - 3-day in a row vs. 1-day per week over 3 weeks

- R/C cars program
 - RC Excitement from Fitchburg—potentially looking to set up a program at the LCC where they could bring RC cars for the community to test out and/or ask questions.
- Ice Skating Rink
 - No update- currently not frozen due to weather.
- Spread the word!
 - Committee Chairman asking for other committee members to spread the word about programming.
- DPW work
 - Rec committee to work with DPW to get stone dropped along the road next to the playground to get the project completed.
 - Thayer field sign is now placed at Packard and Main Street (by the church)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Opportunity for the public to address concerns, make comments and offer suggestions on operations/programs but not on personnel matters. Complaints or criticism directed at staff, volunteers, or other officials shall not be permitted.

VI. Adjourn

- Schedule next meeting
 - March 21, 2024 @ 7pm.

Close of meeting at 7:30pm