

**Hopkinton Recreation Commission**  
**Briggs Memorial Park & Crandall**  
**House**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Date:** 08/17/2021

**Recreation Director:** Mary Sawyer

**Commission members present:** Zafar Agha, Sherry Ryan (Crandall House portion only), Matthew LaBounty and Christine Cook

**Purpose of the meeting:** Recreation Commission Special Meeting

**Meeting called to order:** 6:05 pm at Briggs Memorial Park 6:33 pm at Crandall House

**Consent Agenda**

The Commission asked for additional time to review the minutes of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They will be addressed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Old Business**

Elaine Caldarone from the Wood Pawcatuck Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council was present at the Briggs Park meeting to discuss the proposed parking plans. The engineering firm suggested drawing of plans for Option A (south side of entrance) would be approximately \$4,000 and Option B (north side of entrance) would be approximately \$2,000.

Christine Cook made a motion to approve going forward with Option B given the lower cost and more natural location. Matt LaBounty second. All in favor. So voted.

Crandall Field Playground status and updates- The old wooden playground was removed. The path to the new playground has been installed by DPW. The tennis court (site of new playground) has been removed. The next step is to send out RFP for drainage and equipment.

**New Business**

**Recreation Director Report**

Requests for reserving the pavilion at Langworthy park have been made. Discussion was made surrounding if a fee structure should be considered.

Requests that a large book donation bin have been made. The discussion by the commission included the proximity and number of other similar bins in town. In addition, the commission discussed the proper use of such bins and the likely hood that items be dumped in and around the bins. A motion to vote on installing a book donation bin was made by ML. Zafar and Christine voted against.

Huck Finn day to be held Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Hop Arts will be held in October

Polish Park is in Hope Valley and includes a monument. This monument has been turned and benches are now in place. The town may install some plants as well.

The commission has a new member her name is Melissa Perry.

Summer camp is 6 weeks with the last date of August 20<sup>th</sup>

Crandall House is still not 100% open due to Covid.

Hoop Academy was held July 26-30<sup>th</sup>. This was the 21<sup>st</sup> year the camp was held in town.

Archery and babysitting camps were also held.

Twelve kids are signed up for afterschool camp to be held in the activities center.

Next meeting date will be held October, 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6:00pm in the Crandall House

Zafar made motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt. All in favor. So Voted

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Christine Cook-Recreation Commission Secretary