

# HOPKINTON RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

## Crandall House

### Minutes of Meeting

(Draft)

**Date:** 10/04/2021

**Recreation Director:** Mary Sawyer

**Commission member present:** Matthew LaBounty, Sherry Ryan, and Christine Cook

**Purpose of the meeting:** Regularly Scheduled Recreation Commission Meeting

**Meeting called to order:** 6:04 pm

Review of 4/26/2021 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Matt LaBounty, second by Sherry Ryan -All in favor, so voted

Request for additional time to review minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting

#### **Old Business**

##### Briggs Park and Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship project update

Elaine Caldarone spoke looking for volunteers on the commission to help identify potential items for the Briggs Park project. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship has ~\$20,000 from a National Park service Grant that must be used prior to June, this money has been identified for the beatification of Briggs Park. If any funds remain they will be distributed to other Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship projects.

- Sherry Ryan has volunteered to identify and look for prices to purchase picnic tables
- Matt LaBounty had volunteered to work on concepts for a new entrance sign
- Christine Cook has volunteered to work on concepts for a park kiosk to include information on the history of Briggs Park, Ashaway Line and Twine, Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship, and a trail map.
- Mary Sawyer to look into fencing concepts

Elaine Caldarone will no longer serve as the Hopkinton representative of the Stewardship but will continue on as the project representative for Briggs Park.

##### Crandall Field Concept Plan-DEM Grant

DEM grant cycle deadline is December 2021, should relocation of tennis and basketball courts to the Rt. 216 side of Crandall filed be made?

Mary, Crossman Engineering, and DPW met to establish plans to relocate facilities.

\*All commission members present agreed that more information should be presented prior to any votes being considered\*

### **New Business**

RFP for playground equipment due to go out in 2-3 weeks

RFP for drainage went out and has gone to the town council for approval

### **Recreation Director Report**

- Vandalism occurred at two different locations; Langworthy Field on playground equipment and also the gazebo at Crandall Field. The police were notified. The insurance company was contacted and has assessed the damage and covered the repairs.
- Summer camp was well attended and lessons learned for working in stable pods.
- Seniors are back to doing take out lunch every Thursday with a pre-sign up
- Senior Thai Chi is back on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30-11:30am
- Seniors are involved in a social event after lunch which includes cards and games
- Senior health checks are going to start back up on the first Thursday of each month from 10-11:30 am
- Afterschool camp is running and going well
- ~50 kids are enrolled in soccer programs for ages 2-9 split into 4 groups
- Toddler music is being held every other Saturday through October at Langworthy Field
- Holiday stroll planning is under way; the event is to be held December 11<sup>th</sup>
- Hoop Academy Clinic 10/9 and 10/10
- New art studio in hope valley will be venue for upcoming art lesson and craft sessions for kid
- Hop Arts will be held 10/16-17
- Huck Finn day took place and went well
- A grant application to the office of healthy aging was filed, funds would be used to remove peeling wallpaper, skim coat and paint in Crandall House

**Next meeting Date – November 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm Crandall House**

8:05 pm motion to adjourn made by Matt LaBounty, second by Sherry Ryan, So voted 3-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Christine Cook-Recreation Commission Secretary

draft minutes approved without change