

**City of Greenfield
Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 2021
6pm**

Attending :

Christy Moore, Myrt Jaquay, Donna DuSell, Caitlin McKenna (visitor), and Barb Zaccheo

6:06pm CALL TO ORDER

- Introductions of Director and Commissioners and welcome to Caitlin. Caitlin is interested to learn more about the Commission and works with youth and her kids grew up in Greenfield and she enjoys the sense of community and warmth in Greenfield.

6:12pm REVIEW OF JUNE 17, 2021 and AUGUST 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

- Myrt made a motion to approve both meeting minutes as written with no edits, Barb seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.
- Carryover and current action items are listed in yellow.
- Christy will check in with Rachael on her future as a Commissioner and backfill for Taffy.
- Donna and Christy will check in with potential Commissioners to backfill for Taffy position and likely Rachael position.
- Christy is still waiting to connect with Comcast on the Teen Center internet connection.
- Garth Shaneyfelt and Rachael Roy are joining the Triathlon Committee.

6:17pm PUBLIC INPUT/DISCUSSION

- Caitlin is interested in getting more youth from local housing developments to participate in Recreation events and programs and help with transportation.

6:18pm DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PARC Grant for Skate Park

- Site visit went well with Kelly, Mayor, and Christy. Melissa Cryan was happy to see the site was a parking lot and flat. Melissa was impressed that the Mayor also attended the visit. On Monday, Christy was asked to attend the Ways and Means meeting to provide an update on the grant status. Everyone seemed optimistic and still

supportive of the project. When awarded, the Department will need to go to City Council for votes on accepting the grant, spending, and dedicating the land.

- All six deeds that overlap in parts of the parking lot will be granted as used for Recreation in perpetuity before the end of the year if PARC grant is earned.

Skate Park Fundraising:

- Currently, there is a process of scheduling the next fundraiser. Ben Goldsher is working on another SkatePark fundraising event at Hawks and Reed in the fall. The group (includes youths and Skate Greenfield) will be meeting again in the next few weeks. Soap Box Race was a fundraiser for the skate park and raised close to \$3,000 for the project.

Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project:

- Christy met with Eric Twarog (city planner), Andy Bostrom and his father a few weeks ago to discuss the project in greater detail. He will be replacing broken bridge boards and building benches that the City will place in the park. The park bench location(s) must not be in an area with vegetation and will not be permanently installed into the ground. Andy is completing the Eagle Scout Project Application and is preparing a budget. He does not have to meet with the Conservation Agent due to the nature of the project.

Green River Park Pickleball Letter:

- Christy shared a letter from Todd Boynton and will respond to him directly in regards to pickleball. Commissioners suggested this be a future capital budget issue, concerns about multi use and conflicting lines and use on basketball court, wetlands and floodplains concerns at various parks, and port a potty concerns about needles, damage, and vandalism.

Superintendent Christine DeBarge:

- Superintendent reached out and Christy is happy to report that she is meeting with her next week.

Fiske Ave Project:

- Christy will oversee the installation tomorrow of the benches, bike repair station and chess table. There will be a brief ceremony on Wednesday, September 22 at 11:30am.

Sunrise Avenue easement

- Six acre parcel with a house and 13 open acres contiguous with the Police Station and Highland Park property will be auctioned off by the City. MJ Adams reached out to Christy on this topic as land abuts Highland Park/Rocky Mountain. Christy expressed her interest and the importance of these parcels as they are part of the network of trails to the Mayor in retaining these parcels. However, the Mayor said it was too late in the process to remove it from the sale.

GRASP (Greenfield After School Program):

- Both sites are up and running at Federal Street School and Four Corners School. The Department needs to find staffing for both sites and shifts are 2-6pm. As of now, Kelly, Loren and Christy are leading the sites with group leaders. The Licensor Inspections for each site will be next week. The program has limited capacity in each site until the Department finds additional staff. The families are very appreciative of the service and the children are very happy to be back.
- Youth from Newton School are being bussed to Federal Street School.
- Enrollment is maxed out at 30 at Four Corners (there is a wait list) and 25 at Federal (no wait list currently).

Sustainable Greenfield Committee:

- Christy was approached to find someone who would be interested in serving on the Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee with a focus on Recreation and Parks. **Commissioners are encouraged to propose ideas for this position to Christy.**

6:55pm OLD BUSINESS

Soap Box Derby race:

- Christy thanked Donna and Mik for organizing the event. There were 16 racers on Sunday. The participants really enjoyed the race. Donna will pass along feedback about the event: set goal of 30 racers and not run it with less, be clear with the participants, volunteers and audience on where to park, work with volunteers or police to direct traffic at the top of the course and the bottom of the course and put up signs that the road is closed and where to safely u turn (Murphy Park?), remind volunteers to bring meals and drinks, remind volunteers to bring long sleeves for moving the hay, bring a rake to pick up hay after it's re-loaded, schedule a future event on a date that does not compete with another community event like the Fair, and have a captain for each workstation.

Community Preservation Committee:

- Barb updated the Commission on the Community Preservation group activities to date. The main focus now is to review existing documents of plans in Greenfield for goals and projects related to housing, Recreation and historic preservation. There are also efforts to put together a project application, Committee plan, Committee budget, and public outreach and marketing for potential projects to fund.

6:59pm NEW BUSINESS

Fall Programs:

- Soccer is under way with a total of eight teams. 2 seniors in grades 4-6, 2 juniors, grades 2-3, and 4 Pee Wee K-1. Christy presented COVID updates with league and masks. Myrt made a motion to fully support the requirement of masks for all ages for the fall soccer program due to the close contact, Barb seconded. All voted in favor.

Halloween:

- In the past, the Commission approved Rag Shag for October 29th. Office staff and GRASP are not available until 6pm, GRASP is over at 5:30pm. Outside, the parade was approved. Christy will seek advice from the Health Director on next moves.

Winter Carnival:

- Dates – February 4-6, 2022. 100 year anniversary – Christy seeking ideas of what to do and how to make it extra special. Christy shared photos of ideas for the City Common. Fireworks budget is proposed as \$4,000.

Fireworks:

- Myrt made a motion for fireworks 2022 to be Friday and rain date of Saturday (7/1-7/2). Barb seconded and all voted in favor. Fireworks budget is \$11,500- Myrt pointed out that the price/shell may be increased due to the pandemic.

Christy vacation:

- Christy will be out of the office from October 6-18, 201.

Future Agenda Items

- Is there a timer for the Dog Park lights?
- Halloween fall 10/29/21 and covid19- **Christy email Greenfield Business Association.**
- Donna and Christy continue revival of Friends of Greenfield Recreation.
- Christy will approach the Mayor about the Energy Park property boundary.

- Donna agreed to research the screening of movies at the Greenfield Garden Cinema as a future fundraiser for the Friends.
- Christy will check if a port a potty could be rented for the Beacon Field movies.
- Christy reach out to local manufacturers for donations for the robotics program.

Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2021 at 6pm

Adjourn – Motion made by: Myrt Seconded by: Barb

All voted in favor to adjourn at 7:26pm.