

Town of Lunenburg Park Commission

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MINUTES

Members present: Ana Lockwood, Karin Menard, Christopher Sullivan, Colleen Shapiro
and Anita Scheipers

Additional Attendees: Angela Clement and Chris Ruth

Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and A. Lockwood read "This meeting is being broadcast live and digitally recorded."

First item on the agenda, Facilities Director & Recreation Director Update

C. Ruth gave the following updates:

- Wallace Park had some overflowing trash and some damage to the Merry-a-go-round and the Snack Shack
- Trash has been cleaned up, Merry-a-go-round is partially fixed, and waiting for the light to be mounted.
- RFP for landscaping sent to the Procurement Officer.
- Working on getting the fields ready for the baseball program.

A. Clement gave the following updates:

- Tuesday & Wednesday Pickleball is still running.
- Thursday just intermediate volleyball running March & April.
- April vacation has Multi-Sports camp and Snapology, currently, the numbers are low.
- Summer has a lot of youth programs scheduled.
- The Painted Goat will be offering resin work for kids.

- Upcoming family programs will include Good Picking Farms, Books and Bunnies and Science Heros

A. Clement is trying to finalize some programs for resin, clay and Beach Yoga.

Summer programs that are coming back are Basketball, Snapology, Best Soccer, and MA Sports.

Beach season memberships are up on My Rec.

A. Clement stated Liz Simeone and 4 Lifeguards will be coming back but the lifeguards are not as available as last year.

K. Menard asked about the current usage at Marshall Park. C. Ruth stated only the High School baseball team is informally practicing.

K. Menard indicated Softball is using the park also.

Next item on the agenda, Town Beach House Work: Update

K. Menard stated she will be putting together a crew of volunteers to remove carpeting and sub-floor on April 6, 2024.

Next item on the agenda, Earth Day Celebrations: Update

C. Shapiro has been speaking with Mary Wilson who has been in touch with the Police Chief to discuss clean-up spots. C. Shapiro indicated A. Schiepers offered to have a group do Chestnut Street and the Town center. C. Shapiro stated another group will be responsible for Whalom Lakefront and Prospect Street. The Boys and Girls Club staff will be at Wallis Park.

A. Lockwood asked if anyone would be at Veteran's Park. C. Shapiro indicated the Boys and Girls Club members will do a weekday clean-up at Veteran's Park and the library

C. Shapiro indicated the two dates will be April 13 & 20, 2024.

Next item on the agenda, NHS Project: Update

C. Sullivan stated he has not heard back from the student. He will reach out again.

Next item on the agenda, Discussion and potential vote on the closure of Park's properties for reserved and rental use specifically on the first Saturday of May.

K. Menard indicated the day of the Special Town Meeting, the first Saturday in May the school policy is that the fields are not open for rental by any organization. Parks do not have the same policy.

The members gave their input. No vote taken.

Next item on the agenda, OPM Interview Format Discussion: Zoom vs. person, location, rating, and selection.

A. Lockwood suggested the presentations be presented via Zoom and the Commission should use a ranked rating. A. Scheipers would like the meetings to be in person.

K. Menard will reach out to the Senior Center for use as a venue for presentations.

A. Lockwood asked the members what they would like to see for the presentations.

A. Schiepers would like to see a better description of the types of projects and how they handled them. C. Sullivan agrees they should be park-focused.

A. Lockwood asked for a suggested time limit. A. Schiepers suggested 30 minutes for the presentation with Q&S and 15 minutes between each presentation. A. Schiepers suggested a breakdown as; 15 minutes for formal presentation and 15 minutes for follow-up Q&A.

Next item on the agenda Review & Deliberate OPM Proposals

A. Lockwood suggested the Commission decide that night whether or not they want to make a decision.

Next item on the agenda, Finalize OPM Interviewee List

The Commission totaled their combined aggregate lists.

The contractors the Commission chose to interview are:

NV5

Altantic Construction

Skanska

Next item on the agenda, Update on Lake Shirley Parcels & Agreement with Shady Point

A. Lockwood stated she has not heard any feedback from Michael Ray Jeffreys.

Next item on the agenda, Committee Updates

A. Lockwood updated the commission that Open Space Committee was not interested in the 4 lots that are coming out of Chapter.

A. Lockwood stated the Open Space Committee will be working on the Open Space Plan.

K. Menard stated the Master Plan Steering would have a meeting on April 5, 2024 at 6 pm.

A. Lockwood stated the Boys and Girls Club asked if Parks would like to have a team again on “Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader” which will be held April 26th. The Commission will be unable to participate this year.

C. Sullivan noted the Boys and Girls Club will be hosting a Cornhole Tournament April 4th.

Next item on the agenda, Approval of minutes January 17, 2024.

Tabled

Last item on the agenda: Next meeting, March 27, at 7 pm, potentially April 3, and regular meeting on April 17, 2024.

Comments:

C. Shapiro indicated ads would be run in the Ledger for Earth Day, the Conservation Commission will split the cost with Parks.

Adjourned: 8:35 pm

Andrea Mastrototoro, Board Clerk, Secretary