

**Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 23, 2021
Teleconference
7:30 pm**

Call to Order/Roll

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Members present: Tom Turner, Dan Coley, Mikel Brockway, Kim Demara, Gary Deveau, Katie Iozzia, Patricia Jankowski Paul LoPresti, Rachel Tucker

Members excused:,

Members absent:

Alternates present: Roberta Charpentier

Also present: Amy Brosnan, Director, Roberta Charpentier, recorder

Public Comment

None

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by T. Jankowski to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by T. Jankowski to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out

1. Received 4 fence quotes
2. Received 3 parking lot quotes
3. Soccer proposal from CT RUSDH
4. Attorney memo re: CT RUSH
5. American Landscape and Lawn Science proposal for fertilizer and treatments
6. CT RUSH soccer proposal sent to Town Attorney

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by G. Deveau to move New Business up next on the agenda

All in favor. Motion carries

New/Additional Business

Preston Parks & Recreation Awards

- Preston high school senior
- 100 word essay on how being raised in Preston influenced your life.
- 5 \$100 awards will be given
- Due April 30th

Parking Lot Use

A. Brosnan received a request from a resident asking to use the Park's parking lot as additional parking for family weddings being held at their house on June 5th and October 9th starting at 3:30. 35 spots will be needed.

After discussion Members agreed to working out an agreement for parking.

Chairman Turner stated he had to inform Paul LoPresti that he can no longer be a voting board Member because he no longer resides in Preston. Chairman Turner suggested that P. LoPresti be a consultant who is eligible to speak during meetings and would just not be able to vote. In appreciation for all that he has done and the fact that this Commission really doesn't want to lose him.

All P&R members agreed.

A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau that Paul LoPresti be a consultant on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

All in favor. Motion carries.

A. Brosnan noted that Paul LoPresti is one of the founding members of the Preston Parks & Recreation Commission. He has been a member since 1968 (53 years).

She appreciate all of Paul's time and effort that he has put into the Commission over the years

Unfinished Business

Soccer Field

Chairman Turner explained that the approval took too long; RUSH needed to schedule games and practices so they moved on.

K Iozzia asked if the soccer field could be prepared without RUSH so it would be ready for next season.

Chairman Turner stated that their will be a discussion that includes not getting to this point again, so that there is a smooth road when we try and do anything like this. We need a procedure to follow.

R. Tucker suggested buying goals with money that is available in the Budget.

Chairman Turner noted that the cost to paint a soccer field once is \$550 and it gets done 3 times in a season RUSH was going to do that. We also could have made money if other Town's used it.

Park Maintenance and Development

General maintenance updates

- Rolling fields
- Water will be turned on
- Wells disinfected and tested
- Spray and fertilize

STEAP Grant

- Court repairs to start in 3 to 4 weeks
- 3 parking lot quotes

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by K. Iozzia to go forward with Gallivan Asphalt Maintenance & Construction.

All in favor. Motion carries

- 4 fence quotes
After discussion members decided to table the decision until after getting more information on material type and size

Finance/Fundraising

Budget 2021-2022

A. Brosnan noted that the P&R budget has been submitted to the BoS and they did not ask P&R to present this year.

Community Events

• Facebook Contests

Face Book contests to engage the community

Coloring contests

Pot of gold guessing game

Count to 100 won a St. Patrick's Day meal

Count to 100 to win Easter dinner

• Clean up Weekend

April 17th and 18th

Sign up to clean up a Road

Pick up supplies at Town Hall April 15th

Public Works will pick up garbage bags on Monday

• Community Yard Sale

Saturday May 15th

• Movie Nights/Concerts in the Park

To be scheduled in June

Chairman Turner suggested doing both a movie and concert on the same night

Programming

Programs & Activities Update

Chairman Turner spoke with the Superintendent about extending Summer School hours into Summer Camp hours.

- Virtual yoga
- April outside yoga
- Sky Hawks
- multi sports camps
- flag football camp
- tennis camp

Preston Little League

- no comments

Membership & Elections

Kimberly Demara and Thomas Turner (terms expire 3/31/2021)

A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to recommend to the BoS to re-appoint Tom Turner and Kim Demara to 5 year terms beginning April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2026.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Open alternate position

A. Brosnan noted that she advertised the alternate position on Face Book.

A. Brosnan will invite anyone interested to attend a meeting.

Election of Officers

Chairman

R. Tucker nominated Tom Turner as Chairman.

D. Coley seconded the nomination of Tom Turner as Chairman.

All in favor.

No other nominations for Chairman

A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by M. Brockway to appoint tom Turner as Chairman.

All in favor. Motion carries

Vice Chairman

T. Turner nominated Dan Coley as Vice Chairman

G. Deveau seconded the nomination of Dan Coley as Vice Chairman

All in favor

No other nominations for Vice Chairman

A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by M. Brockway to appoint Dan Coley as Vice Chairman.

All in favor. Motion carries

Treasurer

Tabled

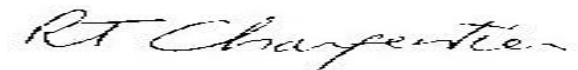
Public Comment

None

Adjournment

**A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by R. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm
All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "RT Charpentier".

Roberta Charpentier