

Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Preston Town Hall Downstairs Conference Room
7:30 pm

Call to Order/Roll

Vice Chairman Dan Coley called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm

Members presents: Dan Coley, Katie Iozzia, Tom Wilbur, Holley Gorman, Danielle Wilcox

Members excused: Mike Brockway, Gary Deveau

Also present: Amy Brosnan, Director

Public Comment: none

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by D. Wilcox and seconded by H. Gorman to accept the January 31, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by T. Wilbur and seconded by D. Wilcox to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out: For Review

- Resignation as alternate member from Roberta Charpentier

Unfinished Business

- **Remembrance & Recognition of Tom Turner** – Tabled until next meeting

Parks Maintenance & Development:

- **General maintenance updates** - A. Brosnan reported bathrooms will be de-winterized by the plumber within the next week. Bathrooms should be open within two weeks, following all required water testing. Park is in pretty good shape due to the mild winter.
- **ARPA Funding** – A. Brosnan stated she had 3 quotes for the replacement of the pavilion roof, all over \$10,000, which will require the project going out to bid. D. Coley said he would help Amy write up the bid specs. A. Brosnan also stated she had two quotes for the camera project and was working on getting a quote from a 3rd company.

Membership & Elections

- **Resignation of Roberta Charpentier** - D. Coley thanked Roberta for her time and dedication to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- **Reappointments:** A motion was made by T. Wilbur and seconded by D. Coley to reappoint the following members: Holly Gorman, Danielle Wilcox and Katherine Iozzia for full five year terms for the terms of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2028. All in favor.
- **Election of Officers**
 - D. Wilcox nominated Mikel Brockway as Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission. There were no further nominations.

- A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by K. Iozzia to elect Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission for term of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023. All in favor. Motion carries.
- D. Wilcox nominated Daniel Coley as Vice Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission. There were no further nominations.
 - A motion was made by D. Wilcox and seconded by K. Iozzia to elect Daniel Coley as Vice Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission for term of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023. All in favor. Motion carries.
- T. Wilbur nominated Holly Gorman as Treasurer of the Parks & Recreation Commission. There were no further nominations.
 - A motion was made by D. Wilcox and seconded by K. Iozzia to elect Holly Gorman as Treasurer of the Parks & Recreation Commission for term of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023. All in favor. Motion carries.
- **Open Positions:** D. Coley stated there are two regular member openings and corrected the agenda to note there are also 2 alternate members open too.

Programs & Activities

- **Youth Basketball** – H. Gorman stated season was awesome!! She noted the tournament teams did very well this year. The Grade 3&4 team placed second and the Grade 5&6 team took 1st place in the Canterbury March Madness Tournament. T. Wilbur stated it was a good season. A. Brosnan affirmed the great season and stated this year Preston saw it's largest enrollment numbers ever!!
- **Other programs** – A. Brosnan reported Kidzone Summer Camp early registration opened on March 1st. Regular registration starts on April 1st and opens to non-residents on April 15th. Xtreme Camp registration will begin within the next month. Sports Performance Classes are going extremely well, with 20 kids in the ages 7-10 session and 24 kids signed up for the ages 11-14 session. April/May session is scheduled and advertised and it's in the works for a summer session. Several new senior trips were added including 2 trips to Bradley Playhouse and a trip to Rail Explorers in Rhode Island.

Community Events

- **Earth Day Clean Up** is planned for April 22, 2023.
- **Community Yard Sale** for May 6, registrations are flowing in. Good response so far.
- **Palooza** is scheduled for Thursday, June 1st
- **Summer Sizzler** is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st. Some discussion took place from Commission members about suggestions for this year's concert band.

Preston Little League Update

D. Wilcox stated there were currently 157 kids signed up for t-ball, baseball and softball. 4 t-ball teams, 2 coach pitch teams, 1 junior team, 3 minor teams and 1 major team. A. Brosnan stated Alan Muench has sent the softball practice schedule but she hasn't yet received a practice schedule for baseball.

A. Brosnan stated she noticed that the league had marked off where they wanted to put the softball batting cage and that, in her opinion, that was not a good spot at all. D. Coley added that spot was not good either due to the proximity to the basketball courts.

New Business

Parks & Recreation Commission Awards – Essay submission will be due by April 25, 2023. A Brosnan will forward all essays to the Commission before the April meeting. The Commission will once again award up to (5) \$100 awards to graduating high school seniors who reside in Preston.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: A motion was made by H. Gorman and seconded by K. Iozzia to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Brosnan

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