

**Preston Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 29, 2022  
Teleconference Call  
7:30 pm**

**Call to Order/Roll**

Vice Chairman Dan Coley called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm

**Members present:** Dan Coley, Mikel Brockway, Rachel Tucker, Tom Wilbur, Danielle Wilcox

**Members excused:** Katie Iozzia

**Members absent:** Kim Demara, Gary Deveau

**Alternates present:** Roberta Charpentier

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

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Minutes:**

February 22, 2022

**A motion was made by M. Brockway and seconded by T. Wilbur to accept the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund: \$58,559.68 P&R Checking: \$26,835.03 PCP Savings: \$23,809.24

Investment CD: \$20,694.39

**A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by M. Brockway to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Correspondence Received/Sent Out:**

None

**Unfinished Business**

**Remembrance & Recognition of Tom Turner**

M. Brockway looked into getting plaques and the Commission has to decide what it should say and what size to get.

D. Coley thought the plaque should note how he contributed to Parks & Recreation and to the community.

R. Tucker agreed that it should be geared to his dedication to Parks & Rec and the Town.

A. Brosnan stated that she has pictures of Tom at the playground when it was being built.

### **Park Maintenance and Development**

General maintenance updates

D. Coley noted that M. Brockway has been helping out with rolling the field.

M. Brockway stated he was able to roll major and minor fields. Softball 2 was not rolled out as far as softball 1.

A. Brosnan received a quote for geese control with a dog, that was \$400 per week.

D. Coley suggested putting a construction fence around the pond to deter the geese or not mowing close to the pond so the grass grows high.

D. Coley stated that there is a nontoxic spray that keeps the geese away because they don't like the taste.

A. Brosnan stated that the water will be getting turned on after it is tested and treated. For now the public will continue to use the port-a-potty.

M. Brockway noted that there will be a lot of people at the park this weekend because of games going on, so that's going to be a mess for the public to have to use a port-a-potty all the way over the other side of the Park. We were also hoping to be able to use the concession stands too.

D. Coley and A. Brosnan noted this is the same time frame the water is turned on every year.

### **Finance/Fundraising:**

Budget: 2022-2023

No updates from BoS yet

D. Coley stated they did ask BoS to look at increasing the salaries of Parks & Recreation employees.

### **Membership & Elections:**

Gary Deveau, Dan Coley & Rachel Tucker (Terms expire 03/31/2022)

**A motion was made by M. Brockway and seconded by T. Wilbur to recommend the BoS reappoint Gary Deveau, Dan Coley & Rachel Tucker to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2027.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Election of Officers

**A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by R. Tucker to nominate Mike Brockway as Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

*There were no other nominations*

**A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by D. Wilcox to elect Mike Brockway as Chairman.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by M. Brockway to nominate Dan Coley as Vice Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

*There were no other nominations*

**A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by T. Wilbur to elect Dan Coley as Vice Chairman.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by M. Brockway to nominate Rachel Tucker as Treasurer of the Parks & Recreation Commission.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

*There were no other nominations*

**A motion was made by M. Brockway and seconded by D. Wilcox to elect Rachel Tucker as Treasurer.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by D. Wilcox to update the names on Preston Parks & Recreation's three accounts (Checking Account at Chelsea Groton Bank, Savings Account at Chelsea Groton Bank, and CD at Jewett City Savings Bank)**

**To the newly elected slate of officers:**

**Mikel Brockway, Parks & Recreation Chairman**

**Daniel Coley, Parks & Recreation Commission Vice Chairman**

**Rachel Tucker, Parks & Recreation Treasurer**

**and to also add Erin Gizio, Town of Preston Treasurer**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

□ Open positions: Regular Member & Alternate

**A motion was made by M. Brockway and seconded by D. Coley to rescind the motion appointing Meghan Campbell as a Parks & Recreation Board Member due to the tragic event affecting her and her family.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

### **Programs & Activities Update**

- 2 Senior bus trips
- Basketball scrimmage
- Kid's Zumba
- 4H
- Volleyball
- Supr Tots program
- Summer camp
- Sky Hawk camp
- Archery camp

### **Youth Basketball**

- Season finished
- Tournament teams played in the Canterbury tournament

### **Community Events**

- Clean-Up Weekend – April 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>
- Community Yard Sale – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Palooza – June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Egg Hunt – April 10th

### **Preston Little League Update**

- 150 kids have registered
- 1 majors team
- 3 player pitch minors team
- 3 coach pitch minors teams
- 4 T ball teams
- 5 Soft ball teams – 45 girls registered
- Opening Day – April 30th

Putting in another T Ball field on the outside the outfield fence line of the minor's field.

**New/Additional Business**

Field Use Fees for 2022

**A motion was made by M. Brockway and seconded by T. Wilbur that a practice fee for up to two hours for \$25 for a team, a rental fee for use of the Field and Courts at \$25 per hour and Baseball Softball Field rental for tournaments at \$300 per day.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

A. Brosnan received a request from a Rugby Team who would like to use the Park. After discussion Members decided there is no availability this season and rugby may be too abusive to the field. No to this season but they will investigate further how much turf damage would occur.

Mike Brockway stated he has been working with Eric Campbell to benefit the Campbell Family to help with medical expenses. Looking for donors to purchase T shirts that can then be sold and all the profits can go to the family. M. Brockway asked if the Parks and Recreation Commission had any funds to use as a donation to purchase T shirts.

**A motion was made by T. Wilbur and seconded by D. Wilcox that the Parks & Recreation Commission donate \$500 from Parks & Recreation's checking account to purchase T shirts to benefit the Campbell family.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by T. Wilbur and seconded by M. Brockway to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Roberta Charpentier**