Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
Teleconference Call
7:00 pm

Call to Order/Roll Call
Chairman Farinha called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members present:  Antonio Farinha, Dan Coley, Gary Deveau, Patricia Jankowski, Paul LoPresti, Tom Turner
Members excused:  
Members absent:  Kim Koniecko, David Przygoda, David Verhasselt
Alternates present:  Roberta Charpentier
Also present:  Amy Brosnan, Director, Roberta Charpentier, recorder,

Roberta Charpentier (recorder) read: Per Lamont’s Executive Order 7b, Participants are reminded to state your name and title before speaking. Please help us make this conference call as useful as possible by keeping your phone on mute when not speaking. We are keeping the line open to all participants by default, but if background noise becomes a problem, we will mute all participants and ask participants to use “chat” to be selectively unmuted. Also note that we will be recording this meeting to comply with open meeting requirements.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by P. LoPresti and seconded by G. Deveau to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020 as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report
A motion was made by P. LoPresti and seconded by T. Turner to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out
- Thank you letter sent to Ann LoPresti for memorial fund donations received in memory of her husband John LoPresti.

A. Brosnan noted that the donations totaled $1200.

Park Maintenance and Development:
Covid-19
- Everything in the playground has been shut down according to the State and Uncas Health District guidelines.
Basketball hoops taken down, swings taken down, fire truck roped off, tennis courts locked, pavilion roped off.
People can still walk the track. Signs were posted to remind people to stay 6 feet apart.

Playground
Community Build scheduled for April 18th and 19th has been postponed.

A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by T. Turner that rescheduling the Community Build be tabled until next month's meeting.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Basketball/Tennis Courts
A. Brosnan and John Spang will write the bid specifications.

General Maintenance updates
Water was turned on.
Fields need to be rolled, fertilized and grub control application.

A motion was made by T. Turner and seconded by T. Jankowski to proceed with getting the field rolled, fertilized and grub control applied.
All in favor. Motion carries.

D. Coley asked if maintenance was still taking place at the Park.
A. Brosnan answered yes there is still a maintenance guy down there working.

Membership & Elections
Gary Deveau & Antonio Farinha – term expires 3/31/2020

P. LoPresti asked G. Deveau if he is interested in serving another term.
G. Deveau answered yes.
P. LoPresti asked Chairman Farinha if he is interested in serving another term.
Chairman Farinha answered no.

A motion was made by T. Jankowski and seconded by T. Turner to re-appoint Gary Deveau to another 5 year term.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by T. Turner and seconded by D. Coley to nominate P. LoPresti as Treasurer.
All in favor. Motion carries.
A motion was made by T. Turner and seconded by D. Coley to elect P. LoPresti as Treasurer.
All in favor. Motion carries.
A motion was made by T. Jankowski and seconded by D. Coley to nominate T. Turner to be Chairperson.
All in favor. Motion carries.
A motion was made by T. Jankowski and seconded by D. Coley to elect T. Turner to be Chairperson.
A motion was made by T. Turner and seconded by T. Jankowski to nominate D. Coley as Vice Chairman.
All in favor. Motion carries
A motion was made by T. Turner and seconded by T. Jankowski to elect D. Coley as Vice Chairman.
All in favor. Motion carries

P. LoPresti thanked Antonio Farinha for everything he has done serving as Chairman.

• Open alternate position
There is now a regular member vacancy also.
There has been a couple of people who are interested in joining.

**Community Events:**
**Preston Clean Up Weekend**
Scheduled for April 25th and 26th
Postponed
**Community Yard sale**
Scheduled for May 2nd
Postponed
**Kids Fishing Derby**
Scheduled for May 3rd. Rain date May 17th
Postponed
**Palooza**
Scheduled for June 4th
Currently no change to date.

**Programming:**
**Programs & Activities Update**
All programs postponed
2 bus trips canceled
Looking into on-line programs
Trying to keep the community engaged by currently having a Teddy Bear hunt (find teddy bears in residents windows) and chalk drawings (done at home then post a picture).
**Basketball**
Season is over
It was a good season
**PYBSA**
Postponed
The league did a wonderful job on the dugouts
New/Additional Business
Preston Parks & Recreation Awards
Deadline May 1st

Paul LoPresti thanked Amy Brosnan for organizing this teleconference meeting.

Public Comment:
None

Adjournment
A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by T. Jankowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted

Roberta Charpentier