

Preston Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
Preston Town Hall Downstairs Conference Room  
7:30 pm

**Call to Order/Roll**

Chairman Mike Brockway called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm

**Members presents:** Mike Brockway, Dan Coley, Katie Iozzia, Tom Wilbur, Holley Gorman, and Gary Deveau

**Members excused:** Danielle Wilcox

**Also present:** Amy Brosnan, Director

**Public Comment:** none

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to accept the amended March 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

All in favor. Motion carries.

*Page 2: Terms for all officer positions should be April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 (corrected from March 31, 2023)*

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by H. Gorman and seconded by G. Deveau to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

**Correspondence Received/Sent Out: For Review**

- Sent out: Reappointment Letter to BOS for Holly Gorman, Danielle Wilcox and Katherine Iozzia

**Unfinished Business**

- **Remembrance & Recognition of Tom Turner** – M. Brockway reported he will meet with Jim Corley, Public Works Director, to finalize the spot for the placement of the rock. 10-15 bags of concrete will be needed. Public Works will move rock from the hill to near playground. Corley will connect with Call Before You Dig.
- **Parks & Recreation Awards:** Recipients were finalized. A. Brosnan will contact them and invite to May Parks & Recreation Commission meeting for presentation of awards.

**Parks Maintenance & Development:**

- **General maintenance updates** – A. Brosnan discussed several fence projects needed improvements. Awaiting quote. Water has been turned on and passed testing. Timed locks on bathrooms reset to 6:00 am – 9:00 pm.
- **ARPA Funding** – Tabled until next month.
- **H. Gorman made a motion to waive STEAP Grant onto the agenda. Seconded by D. Coley. All in favor. Motion carries.**  
A. Brosnan presented a quote from National Equipment & Facility Solutions with two backboard options: perforated aluminum or acrylic. Discussion took place.  
D. Coley made a motion to go forward and purchase the replacement acrylic backboards, pending life expectancy is 10+ years. Seconded by H. Gorman. All in favor.  
*A. Brosnan also noted that National Equipment & Facility Solutions is on State of CT contract list.*

**Membership & Elections**

- **Open Positions:** Still 2 regular members and 2 alternates.

### Programs & Activities

- Sports Performance Classes April/May in session. Lower enrollment numbers due to spring sports. Plans for summer session underway.
- Sign language classes have current enrollment of 5.
- Adult/senior bus trip to rail explorers in June is full with wait list.
- Kidzone Summer Camp registrations underway. Craig Blake will return as Camp Director and Gillian Bath as Assistant Director. Xtreme Teen Camp is still in need of a Director. Teen Camp registrations will open soon, awaiting results of grant submission. Interviews for summer camp counselors underway and will be finalized

### Community Events

- **Earth Day Clean Up** – Postponed until minimum of 20+ people sign up.
- **Community Yard Sale** for May 6. Currently 11 houses on the map and 12 signed up to attend at Preston Plains Middle School.
- **Palooza** – A. Brosnan stated that she will be unavailable on June 1<sup>st</sup> and Commission members should reach out to Heather Helwig about assisting with event this year.
- **Summer Sizzler** – A. Brosnan reported date change of Friday, June 23 will take place and informed Commission she will be available that day to organize the event.

### Preston Little League Update

M. Brockway reported Opening Day took place the past weekend on April 21 and saw the biggest volunteer crew. Day went well and the season is off and running. They will be shifting gears soon to get ready for all-stars.

### New Business

M. Brockway informed the Commission that Director A. Brosnan has submitted her resignation letter due to accepting a new position at a different employer. A. Brosnan informed the Commission her last date of employment will be May 3. However, plans are being made to stay on board temporarily to help carry and transition until new director is hired.

With A. Brosnan leaving and summer season about to gear up, it was suggested by A. Brosnan that H. Gorman would be a great help to fill the gap with summer camp. Legal has been consulted due to H. Gorman being a Commission member and due to it being a temporary option, no conflict would be present as long as H. Gorman abstains for summer camp discussions. Discussion took place and all in favor of H. Gorman working on a temporary basis this summer.

**D. Coley made a motion to vote in favor of H. Gorman working as a temporary employee, noting it was approved by legal. Seconded by K. Iozzia. All in favor with the exception of H. Gorman who abstained. Motion carries.**

D. Coley mentioned the costs of rolling would be increasing in the future. He suggested looking into purchasing an attachment roller for the tractor.

**Public Comment:** none

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by K. Iozzia and seconded by T. Wilbur to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Amy L. Brosnan

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