

**Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
April 27, 2021
Teleconference
7:30 pm**

Call to Order/Roll

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

Members present: Tom Turner, Mikel Brockway (arrived at 8:00 pm), Kim Demara, Gary Deveau, Katie Iozzia, Paul LoPresti, Rachel Tucker

Members excused: Dan Coley

Members absent: Patricia Jankowski - resigned

Alternates present: Roberta Charpentier - seated

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

Chairman Turner seated Roberta Charpentier

Public Comment

Leigh Cremin stated that she is new to the Town and knows there are concerns for the mental health of kids because of the pandemic so she wanted to listen in to hear what ideas Parks & Recreation has on this.

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by G. Deveau to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by R. Tucker to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out

1. Letter from Judy Gasparino re: National Day of Prayer May 6th at the Park.
2. Resignation letter from Patricia Jankowski
3. Email from Nancy Musa re: Ethics Training
4. **Letter to BoS requesting the reappointments of Tom Tuner and Kim Demara**

Unfinished 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 noted that there was 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. and Russ Green agreed to the use of his parking lot also, if needed

Park Maintenance and Development

- **Maintenance job posting**

Opening for 3 days a week at the Park and Friday and Saturday at the Transfer Station

- **General Maintenance Update**
Septic pumped

Trees that were a safety issue were removed

- **STEAP Grant**

Waiting for the State to finalize the contract

After discussion members decided to table the decision on the four fence quotes until next month.

A motion was made by Gary Deveau and seconded by M. Brockway to table the fence until next month.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Membership & Elections

Resignation: Patricia Jankowski

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by G. Deveau to regretfully accept the resignation of Patricia Jankowski with many thanks.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Election of Officers - Treasurer

A motion was made and seconded to appoint R. Tucker as Treasurer.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Open positions: Member & Alternate Member

Posted on the Town's webpage

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

- Spring coloring contest

- Counting flowers in a jar

- **Clean up Weekend**

April 17th and 18th

40 residents participated

30 bags filled on Brickyard Road

Residents picked up supplies at Town Hall April 15th

Public Works picked up 3.5 truck loads of garbage bags

- **Community Yard Sale**

Saturday May 15th

7 homes have signed up

15 spots reserved at Preston Plains School parking lot

- **Movie Nights/Concerts in the Park**

Working on scheduling bands

Programming

Programs & Activities Update

- Sky Hawks Super Tots – 3 different sessions
- Zumba
- Chair Yoga in person and ZOOM
- Summer Camp – July 5th – August 13th

No field trips (currently)

- Hiring Camp Director, Assistant Camp Director and Counselors
- Senior barbecue and Bingo
- Sky Hawks – Sports and Games
- Sky Hawks - Mini Hawk
- Flag football
- Tennis camp
- Black Bear Archery camp

Preston Little League

- Opening Day held on Saturday April 24th
- Fund raising went well
- Preston's facilities are the best the league plays at.
- Sign ups are lower this year due to COVID

Public Comment

None

New/Additional Business

A. Brosnan stated that she has added a \$25.00 cancellation fee to the Pavilion rental because Parks & Recreation is charged transaction fees.

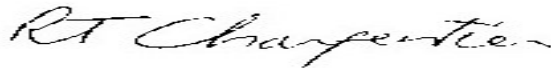
P. LoPresti stated that he thought it would be appropriate to come up with something to thank Russ Green for everything he's done over the years.

Adjournment

A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by R. Charpentier to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary