

**Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 25, 2021
Teleconference
7:30 pm**

Call to Order/Roll

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm

Members present: Tom Turner, Dan Coley, Gary Deveau, Katie Iozzia, Rachel Tucker

Members excused: Mikel Brockway

Members absent: Paul LoPresti, Kim Demara

Alternates present: Roberta Charpentier - seated

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

Chairman Turner seated Roberta Charpentier

Public Comment

None

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out

1. Letter to BoS re: resignation of Patricia Jankowski
2. Email from Nancy Musa re: in person meetings resume June 1st

Unfinished Business

Preston Parks & Recreation Awards

- 4 essays were received
- 100 word essay on how being raised in Preston influenced your life
- \$100 awards will be given
- awards will be given at next month's meeting at the Park

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**

Quotes needed for painting need at the Park
Trees that were a safety issue were removed
Mowing
Covid safe cleaning

- **STEAP Grant**

State sent the contract for signing
Projects can start;
paving parking lot
basketball/tennis court repairs
split rail fence

A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by R. Tucker to accept the Fence Man's bid for the split rail fence as recommended by Preston's Public Works Manager. All in favor. Motion carries.

Membership & Elections

- Open positions: (2) Regular Members & Alternate Member

Community Events

- **Community Yard Sale**

Held on Saturday May 15th
A Fall yard sale will be scheduled

- **June 29th Concert & Movie**

Concert – Larger Than Life band
Movie – Monster's Inc.
Concession stand
Inflatable slide
Food trucks
Library will be handing out summer reading list
Preston Youth Service – will hold a raffle

Programming

Programs & Activities Update

- Summer Camp – July 5th – August 13th

Two co-directors were hired
Counselor interviews to begin

- Sky Hawks Super Tots – 3 different sessions
- Zumba outdoors at the Park
- Chair Yoga in person and ZOOM
- Senior barbecue and Bingo
- Sky Hawks – Sports and Games
- Sky Hawks - Mini Hawk
- Flag football
- Tennis camp
- Black Bear Archery camp
- Lacrosse clinics

Preston Little League

- 2 boys all-star teams, Minor and Major
- Preston will be combining with Norwich for both teams
- hoping to get a banner for baseball
- Getting ready for softball all-stars

New/Additional Business

- **Ethics Compliance**

All members are in compliance

- **Story Walk**

R. Tucker explained that Preston Youth Services is working with the library to place story boards at the park.

A. Brosnan stated that this will consist of 20 posts around the track.

A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to place the Story Boards at the Park.

R. Tucker abstained.

All other members in favor.

Motion carries.

A. Brosnan noted that many comments came back from the Youth Services Community Needs Surveys asking for a Community Center and a Skate Park.

Parks & Recreation members had a lengthy discussion on ways to accomplish these goals.

A. Brosnan was informed by a resident that AARP is providing grants for senior fitness parks including an instructor. The resident offered to pursue it.

Public Comment

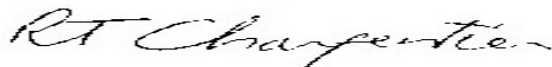
None

Adjournment

A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by R. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary