Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Teleconference Call
7:30 pm

Call to Order/Roll
Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Members present: Tom Turner, Dan Coley, Mikel Brockway, Gary Deveau, Patricia Jankowski, Katie Iozzia, Paul LoPresti
Members excused: Kim Demara, David Przygoda
Members absent:
Alternates present: Roberta Charpentier - seated
Also present: Amy Brosnan, Director, Roberta Charpentier, recorder,

Chairman Turner seated Roberta Charpentier

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.

Public Comment
None

Meeting Minutes
- June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by P. Lopresti and seconded by P. Jankowski to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2020 as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report
A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out
1. A. Brosnan sent a request to Quickrete for a donation of concrete for the Playground community Build.
2. Email from David Przygoda informing P&R of his resignation.
**Park Maintenance and Development:**

- **COVID-19**
  - As of July 6th, basketball hoops have been put up.
  - Everything in the Park is open and operational.

- **General Maintenance Update**
  A. Brosnan received three quotes for fertilizing and grub control.
  Chairman Turner asked how long has P&R been using the current vendor and has there been any issues.
  A. Brosnan answered 4 years with no issues.
  
  A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by P. LoPresti that the P&R accept the bid received from Lawn Science for the application of fertilizer and grub control.
  All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Playground**
  - Community Build will take place September 12th and 13th

- **Basketball/Tennis Courts**
  - RFP's went out to bid and proposals are due by August 20th.
  - Applying for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant.

**Membership & Elections:**

- **Resignation: David Przygoda**
  A motion was made by P. Lopresti and seconded by D. Coley to accept with regret the resignation of David Przygoda.
  All in favor. Motion carries.

  - Open alternate position
    Chairman Turner introduced Rachel Tucker to the Board.
    Rachel Tucker stated that she has lived in Preston for over 15 years. She is a member of the Youth Services Board, helped with fund raising at the school, a member of the Griswold Youth Soccer Board. Excited to be a member of Parks & Recreation and help in any way.

  A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by P. Jankowski that the P&R request the BoS appoint Rachel Tucker as a Regular Member of the Parks & Recreation Commission filling David Przygoda's term which expires 3/31/2022.
  All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Engraved Brick Fundraiser**
  - 10 brick orders have been received

**Community Events:**

A motion was made by P. Jankowski and seconded by D. Coley to hold a movie and concert in the Park during the month of August.
All in favor. Motion carries.
Programming:
- Programs & Activities Update
  - Sky Hawk multi sport outdoor camp will take place next week. Currently 7 are registered.
  - Black Bear Archery will take place with 10 kids.
  - Virtual yoga classes
- PYBSA
  - M. Brockway stated that they are planning a Fall Ball season and will try to do baseball and softball this year.
  - No T-Ball

New/Additional Business
- Soccer field
  Chairman Turner stated that he has someone looking into goals.
  It would be another opportunity to rent space.
  D. Coley stated that he has concern about the center grass.
  A. Brosnan noted that the Park was over used with soccer in the past and it did kill the grass, so there would have to be a way to regulate use.
  D. Coley noted that the cost of renting the field would have to be reflective on being able to keep the grass at the current level.
  Chairman Turner stated in past years people were using the fields without consent.
  D. Coley suggested speaking with other towns to find out how they maintain their fields.
  M. Brockway suggested asking the company that applies grub control what their thoughts are on upkeep.
  Chairman Turner asked if any member was against using the field for soccer.
  G. Deveau noted that he is against it.
  P. Jankoswki noted that it won't hurt to look into it.

A motion was made by P. Jankowski and seconded by M. Brockway to allow Chairman Turner to look into having a soccer field at the Community Park.
All in favor. Motion carries.

A. Brosnan noted that it should be taken into consideration that marking and lining the field will be an additional cost for Parks & Recreation.

A. Brosnan stated that she was emailed by someone who wants to rent the Park to have a Flag Football League.

A motion was made by P. Jankowski and seconded by G. Deveau that Flag Football be allowed at the Park.
All in favor. Motion carries

Public Comment
None

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by P. Jankowski and seconded by G. Deveau to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm

All in favor. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted

Roberta Charpentier