

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes April 14, 2022

Chair Thomas Desmond opened the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 4:07 PM, Thursday, April 14, 2022. Thomas Desmond, Jack Gardner, Michael Cozort and Andrew Cromartie were in attendance.

Andrew Cromartie accepted the agenda; seconded by Jack Gardner. All in favor, so vote.

Officer Mack updated the Commission damage occurred at Delta Fields to one of the tractors. Chair Desmond asked if cameras were available. Officer Mack commented web cameras at all fields would be an inexpensive tool to help curtail incidences and have been used to solve issues at Children's Beach. New Children's Beach concessionaire Abby Shaw stated they plan on installing cameras. Officer Mack also commented the skateboard park cameras are monitored at Nantucket Police Department and are a real deterrent. Parks and Recreation Manager Charlie Polachi is working on WiFi for camera installation at Nobadeer, Delta and Tom Nevers Fields and Children's Beach outside of the concession area. Jack commented the money should be appropriated for WiFi installation before too long. Mr. Polachi will have a Parks and Recreation budget in fiscal 2024.

Children's Beach Concessionaire Abby Shaw shared they will serve breakfast and lunch and maybe dinner this year. They use cameras at Surfside and intend on installing them at Children's too. Visitor Services Coordinator David Sharpe will discuss and coordinate summer activities at Children's Beach with the new tenants. Officer Mack asked when they anticipate opening and will stop-in prior to that. Mr. Sharpe confirmed WiFi capabilities at the beach.

Charlie Polachi is rocking and rolling as spring activities are in full swing with lacrosse and soccer at Nobadeer and Delta Fields. He stated he's restricted the use of the north field at Nobadeer on game days to rehab this spring, many camps are anticipated this summer. Baseball and softball fields at Tom Nevers Fields are incorporating small projects for improvements. Weston & Sampson would like to conduct a site visit prior to May meeting. Charlie would like to install motion sensors to monitor fields and house screening monitors in his office for review. Charlie confirmed irrigation is working at fields and fertilization will occur mid-April. Mr. Gardner asked how Nobadeer fieldhouse is progressing, which Charlie responded it has supply chain issues but should be mostly finished by the end of May. Michael Cozort asked about staffing the facility and intended uses which Charlie responded it's a limited storage area with bathrooms. Chair Desmond stated make sure it's clear who is responsible for maintenance, ambiguity can lead to misunderstanding. Chair Desmond asked about drive-in movie status. Licensing Coordinator Marina Dzvovnik explained the license is issued annually; this year the request is June 14 to October 8. Last year, requested use was seven nights a week, this year five nights a week.

Chair Desmond discussed Field Grid Users Chart and possibly getting interns to utilize the organizational chart. Mr. Cozort was shocked at the cost of the fieldhouse that lacked indoor space for sports use.

Bettina Broer joined by phone to review her yoga program at Children's Beach for the 21st year starting June 23rd through September 5, class is held 6:30-7:30 AM without reservations and props are provided. Bettina stated Marina and DPW have been very helpful through the years. Marina requested Bettina use a spreadsheet to track her users. Andrew Cromartie motioned to approve; seconded by Michael Cozort. All in favor, so voted.

Marjory Trott registered dance therapist and conducted classes for over 25 years at Children's Beach but stopped during the pandemic. Her program is attended by kids, parents, caregivers and families. After reviewing her records, she noticed a decline in attendance during heatwaves, increase in traffic, water closure or parking

difficulties. Proposing to have “pop-up” style classes announced through social media. Marjory is open to working with David and Marina and their recommendations of dates and demand. Chair Desmond asked about notice, and 2-3 days or up to a weeks notice. David Sharpe offered signage at the beach, shoot-out during radio segment and on the webpage with Children’s Beach information. Charlie suggested blocking a set schedule weather Marjory uses it or not. Michael Cozort motioned to approve the concept of pop-up classes; seconded by Andrew Cromartie. All in favor, so voted!

Jack Gardner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 PM; seconded by Michael Cozort.