

MEETING MINUTES
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2022

In attendance:

Kevin Bellows, Chairman
Mike Travisano, Vice Chairman
Brian LeClerc
Jon O'Brien
Ed Ritacco
Nancy Walsh

Guests:

Arvind Kalidindi, 160 Palomino Pass

Not in attendance:

Bill Brown
Ken Martin

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Bellows suspended the regular meeting to hear public comment. Mr. Kalidindi appeared before the Commission on behalf of local volleyball players to follow up on their request for maintenance on the volleyball courts, primarily inquiring about a timeline for the maintenance. Mr. Ritacco and Mr. Bellows suggested contacting Mr. Paris directly. Additionally, Mr. Ritacco suggested that with the limitations of the Parks crew, particularly during the busy season, the players might want to discuss their goals with Mr. Paris for the opening of next year's season. They also acknowledged that proper playing surfaces and player safety are important, however, organized volleyball is new to the Commission. However, they noted that now that it is aware of the regular court use, the Commission can advocate for the group.

MOTION to close public comment made by Mr. Travisano, seconded by Mr. LeClerc. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Mr. Martin was unable to attend the meeting, however, he did send an email to request that the June meeting minutes be amended to reflect the location of the graffiti that was remedied by the Parks Department. The location was the bicycle and walking path located at the Route 25 underpass and Rocky Hill Road.

MOTION to accept June meeting minutes with Mr. Martin's amendment made by Mr. LeClerc, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The appeal letter from Mr. Carbone was discussed. The Commission needs input from Mr. Paris, as he has communicated with Mr. Carbone regarding this issue.

The letter from Ms. Thomas inquiring about hosting a flea market-type event in a Town park. Several Commission members expressed concern about the parks being revenue-neutral. The Commission is awaiting further guidance from Town Attorneys per a previous meeting. Mr. LeClerc suggested that Ms. Thomas approach the organizers of the NIA Farmers' Market with her idea, as their infrastructure and publicity are already in place. The clerk will email Ms. Thomas to relay that information.

Mr. Post updated the Commission via email on the installation of three QR Codes: the Transfer Station, Old Mine Park, and Parlor Rock Park.

Mrs. Walsh had expressed concern in a previous meeting that the new shortened hours at Town pools would prevent certain residents from using them, and she said she was glad that the hours have been adjusted.

MOTION to adjourn made by Mr. Travisano, seconded by Mr. Ritacco. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Laura Shiel