

# Recreation & Parks

## February 3, 2026, 5:30 PM

### Community Center

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Attendance: Karin Ernst, Larry Simpson, Shelly Bedrossian, Chris Kennedy, Rossana Ferrante

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- The January 29th minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

- No comments.

#### **Operations Manual Update**

- Karla has edited the manual minutes to make discussion and changes easier to track.

#### **Department Projects Update**

- **Glabicky**: Larry met again with the gardening group. Discussion regarding property ownership; is it under the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction?
  - Fundraiser options: discussed a plant sale for Saturday, June 20th, the day before Father's Day. Jaime noted that the department can promote the plant sale if all funds raised are going to the town.
- **Vets Softball**: Courtney Lebracchio reached out to Shelly regarding softball fundraising. They have gotten Kent involved.
  - Phase I would take place this spring and involve issues that can be taken care of in-house (getting Vets 2 into a diamond rather than a square, taking the infield out 3 feet).
  - Phase II is a capital campaign and will involve working with Kent regarding materials and what can be done regarding dugouts and netting. Rec & Parks will help to contribute based on what is approved through the schools.
- **Stramski**: There is a color mis-match from flooring materials that arrived in separate orders. We will see if a return is possible. Jaime met with the tree warden about a tree that may need to be taken down for accessibility.

#### **Recreation & Park Updates (Jaime)**

- Jaime would like to move forward with hiring Brad DeLisle for the parks and facilities director position. The priority will be getting ready for spring and for the beach.
- Summer programming opened yesterday; we are up 15,000 from last year in the same amount of time. They Ride offerings have expanded. Some clinic weeks have been spread out as well.
- We are still in need of a sailing director.
- We submitted a level funded budget in November. Jaime has adjusted it for salaries which resulted in savings, and would like money to be allocated for in-service training for department staff.

### **Correspondence**

- William Park requests the use of the Devereux Beach parking lot for the Miles for Mary 5K in October, for approximately 300 attendees.
  - Move to approve, seconded. All in favor, the motion passes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30 and 6:30 PM.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.**

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Minutes taken by Mary Herchenhahn