

## Recreation & Parks

April 21, 2026, 5:30 PM

### Community Center

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Attendance: Karin Ernst, Larry Simpson, Chris Kennedy, Rossana Ferrante. Shelly Bedrossian is not present.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 7th and April 10th. Seconded. All present in favor, the motion passes.

#### Public Comment

- No public comment.

#### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Grant

- The Community Planning department wishes to apply for an ADA grant for 250,000. Brendan would like a recommendation from Recreation & Parks for accessibility projects. The grant does not cover design, so some money will need to be allocated for that. Cost estimates come from a 2023 town-wide ADA assessment report.
  - Options discussed:
    - Community Center: some internal doors at the community center are not ADA-compliant. DPW is aware that the sidewalk in front of the building is not wide enough.
    - Chandler Hovey: one pavilion needs to be replaced and remade to be accessible, and switchbacks created. We received bids in 2023 to make the pavilion accessible: 119,000 and 139,000. Jaime will send out the original 2023 document so the scope can be reviewed.
    - Crocker Park: 104,000 - accessible parking, walkways, pavilion, gazebo, bike rack, drinking fountain, benches, bathroom improvements.
  - Motion to recommend Chandler Hovey for the ADA grant; seconded. All present in favor, the motion passes.

#### Department Project Updates

- Gatchell's: We are looking for a new electrician for the lights. Brad will be turning the wattage down and re-angling the lights. Brad is looking into a new timer that could be accessed through an app or the computer.
- Green Street: The light timers are all fixed. Eight bulbs are out. Brad talked to the light department; they'll change out the six we have. They may need to borrow a tree department truck.
- Redd's Pond: Brad met with Scott Kerns about the overgrowth and some signage and walkways. We are working out the ownership of different areas (Cemetery or Rec & Park). We will go in to clean up the overgrowth.

- Brad has tried out a few robot paint machines for painting lines on the fields and likes Turf Tank. Jaime will meet with Allison on the procurement process for a potential lease (approximately 10k/yr initially).
- MVMS Pickleball courts: we met with Jayson Score and Anne Tassel of Marblehead Pickleball about getting quotes for rebuilding the courts. It is school property and they would need approval from the school. Discussion about ways to help mitigate noise. The courts are 70 feet from the neighbors and a larger discussion needs to happen with all parties involved, including neighbors, before it can be considered.
- Seaside: The AED and signs have been installed. The infield is currently in rough shape.
- Glabicky: Larry discussed the beautification project from the Friends of Marblehead Parks. He brought in a flier for their native plant sale on Saturday, June 20th from 8:30-11:30.
- Devereux Beach: the parking lot is open. We need to get the current Gator approved as surplus and can then procure a new one. We need new kayaks. The Jersey barriers will be put back.

### **Recreation & Parks Department Update (Jaime)**

- Operations Manual: Jaime handed out the finalized copy.
- Pickleball: Jaime sent out an email to pickleball participants seeking support with locking and unlocking the courts at night and on weekends; the department takes care of it during the week (daytime). As of now there has not been much response.
- Shattuck: Jaime left the Shattuck letter with Jim Nye on Thursday.
- Riverhead: Brendan connected with Jaime because there will be eel grass remediation; they will need parking.
- Chandler Hovey: Last May the Coast Guard reached out regarding the presence of lead in the ground in the area around the lighthouse. They just asked to get on ConCom because they'll need approval. They are estimating that it would take two weeks.
- Budget: Jaime clarified the possible budget tiers.
  - Tier 1: would restore a groundskeeper.
  - Tier 2: groundskeeper and materials.
  - Tier 3: the same.
  - Trash would not return in tier 1 or 2. As it stands, with tier 3, responsibility for trash would not come back to Rec & Park; it would go to Stormwater. They would get a foreman and two laborers, and a truck that would be able to serve the rail trail. We would continue to support by supplying trash bags. Jaime is looking into solutions for trash pickup at places where we have programming.

### **Correspondence**

- There is a request for a pickleball tournament to raise money for Dana Farber, approximately 100 people on Sunday, July 5th at Seaside. Motion to approve pending proof of insurance, seconded. All present in favor, the motion passes.
- Renee Williamson requests the use of Crocker Park to hold a wedding ceremony on Saturday, July 31st, from 4 to 7 PM, with approximately 50 people. Motion to approve pending proof of insurance and availability, seconded. All in favor, the motion passes.
- Roy Hamond requests the use of the pavilion at Devereux Beach for approximately 30 people for a post-reunion gathering of the MHS class of '71 on Saturday, October 3rd, from 4 to 7 PM.

Motion to approve pending proof of insurance, no fee waiver. Seconded. All present in favor, the motion passes.

- Anne Perry requests the use of Chandler Hovey on Thursday, May 7th, from 3 to 6 PM for a wedding ceremony. Motion to approve pending insurance, no fee waiver. Seconded. All in present, the motion passes.
- Molly Greville requests the use of Riverhead parking lot on Saturday, May 16th for 14 people to film a short exterior movie scene. Discussion on fees. Motion to approve pending insurance and a fee of 150. Seconded. All present in favor, the motion passes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12th, at 5:30 PM.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.**

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Minutes taken by Mary Herchenhahn