

**WESTON RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 25, 2021, 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM**

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 modifying the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee, to ensure the safety of all participants, held its meeting remotely via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/85165234410>, Meeting ID: 851 6523 4410, Call in 646 558 8656

Members Present: Eric Rosenthal (chair), Melissa Crocker, Adam King, Maija Cirulis-Gooch, Trevor MacDonald, Julie Johnstone, and Marcy Dorna

Absent: *None*

Staff: Chris Fitzgerald (Director), Lauren Smith (Program Coordinator)

Resident Comments

Mr. Rosenthal received letters regarding pickleball but will address them later in the meeting.

Review and approve previous meeting minutes

Delayed until next meeting

Memorial Pool Renovation – Town Meeting Results, next steps

Mr. Fitzgerald talked about the process for design proposals, the process will be coordinated through the Facilities Department and Permanent Building Committee (PBC) because of the work being done on buildings. There is a meeting planned for June 8, 2021 with Mr. Jarowski and the Permanent Building Commission to bid out ASAP to get a designer in as close to July 1. Mr. Fitzgerald also made the Recreation Commission aware that this is different than construction bids as there is an interview process with designers.

Pickleball – considerations for additional court painting in town

This was a continuation of the pickleball discussion from the April 6 meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald reported that the School Athletic Director understood that Recreation Commission had final decision on whether pickleball lines would be painted on the courts at the HS/MS complex, but would prefer they not be painted. If Recreation Commission decided to go ahead and paint pickleball lines, he preferred they use the Middle School courts. The Recreation Master Steering Committee's Master Plan does have pickleball, but Ms. Crocker suggests because that is a few years out, that recreation paints two more courts at Brook School until then. Mr. MacDonald supports this idea. Mr. Rosenthal believes that we should go back to the school and ask them to rethink the idea of painting lines on the MS courts. Mr. Rosenthal also supports the courts at Brook School but is worried the residents might not like the noise or traffic.

Motion made to approve the painting of two pickleball courts at Brook School.

Moved Mr. MacDonald, second Ms. Cirulis Gooch

Rollcall Vote: All in favor, Ms. Dorna abstained as her computer wasn't allowing her to communicate.

Summer Updates regarding the Governor's March 17 announcement

Memorial Pool - Mr. Fitzgerald said that hiring and training were going well, and the staff was adjusting to the new regulations. He also made note of another lifeguard training class in June to hopefully hire some new staff from. Some changes to regulations at the pool included:

- No marked areas for households to socially distance
- No mask requirement outdoors
- Recommendation for masks to be worn indoors for those not vaccinated, signs will be posted stating this.
- Social distancing will not be enforced inside the swimming pool because state requirements for this will be lifted by opening date.

Summer Camp – Ms. Smith explained the new set up for summer camp, Camp Adventure and Sports camp will take place at the Cambridge School of Weston and Camp ABC will take place at Woodland School. The decision on where each camp would take place was based on the Memorial Pool being a better fit for Camp ABC than the pool at CSW. Registration went extremely well, staff is being hired but having difficulty with the gap year. Masks will always be required for all people at camp indoors. Camps will try to take place outside as much as possible to eliminate masks. Cohorting of camp groups will still need to take place and late entries into weeks will not be able to be accepted. Staff will have to daily attest and campers' families will have to log in to daily attest for their campers as well. All in all, it seems that everyone is excited for a more "normal" version of summer programming than what was anticipated earlier this year.

Summer Concert Series – Mr. Fitzgerald said that there will be 3 concerts at the Field School field, planned for June 23, July 7 and July 21.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.