



TOWN OF NORTH READING
Massachusetts

**Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of
Monday, April 12, 2021
Virtual Meeting 7:01pm**

Recreation Chair: "Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the North Reading Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to listen to this meeting while in progress may do so by dialing: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) or linking to: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84245605052?pwd=MElvMTJJZDNPY0ZBM2ZPSWZrNGFkdz09>

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the North Reading Parks & Recreation Committee states for the record that this meeting is being recorded by the state and may be recorded by other individuals or media.

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Ron Kern, Chair (RK), Sergio Coviello (SC), Rita Mullin (RM), Billie Luker (BL), Mike Fitzpatrick (MF)

Staff present: Lynne Clemens (LC), Maureen Stevens (MS), Maria Brown (MB)

Tardy: Pat Filmore (PF)

Absent: Sheila Sturdevant (SS), Marty Tilton (MT)

Call to order: 6:47pm; Quorum, called by RK

Audience of Citizens: None

Acceptance of Minutes:

(MF) made a motion to accept Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2021, (SC) Second the Motion

Approved: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Motion: Passed

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

MS, Operations Director Update:

MS – Review of Finance Report to date. Revenues going up with incoming Recreation registrations and Parks fees/leagues. Seasonal Employee beginning, Rich G.

MS – we have made as many cuts as we can. Our Balance Sheet now shows a loss of \$24,674. We are bringing in money daily. We are hoping for a small Fiscal loss or a breakeven.

LC, Recreation Director Update:

Brochure is online for Spring/Summer. We are not printing a brochure to insert into Transcript.

Spring registrations are doing well. Lots of classes full. SummerScape registration going slow. We are running an 8 week program, minimum 1 week registration. Maximum number is 80 registrants, 20 kids per pods. Difficulty hiring because we do not know what our registration will be like. Looking at possibly offering Kid Connection.

Town Administrator commended us because we were one of the only Recreation Depts. running programs.

Matt Tiberii – Tennis: struggling getting him to give us weeks to run programs. We have been in touch with USTA, they will run programs with us if Tiberii does not pull through.

Track and Field – HS season is late so scheduling was tough. We have agreed on running a 1 week morning program with the NRHS Head Track Coach.

We just received approval from the schools to run Volleyball inside the HS Gym. They are not charging us for custodial fees.

MT, Parks Director Update: Parks Director Absent. Update given by Maureen Stevens

- IRP Bathrooms open with no mechanical issues. Everything looks good. No leaks.
- Will be putting a log in bathrooms now that Rich G will be working with us. He will be in charge of filling out the log, completing all cleaning requirements.
- We had vandalism at Mullen field. They did donuts at the outfield of the softball field. They destroyed the porta potty. The cost of the porta potty is \$700, our expense. Police are investigating. They believe they have a lead.
- MT working hard to keep up with getting fields ready.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LUC (RM): Pass.

CIT (RM): No update.

FONRPRC: Annual meeting, Monday, May 3 at 6pm.

Next Recreation Committee Meeting: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:45pm.

- **Adjournment: 8:08pm**

(SC) made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:08pm.

(PF) seconds the motion.

Approved: 6 Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion: PASSED