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**Town of North Reading**  
*Massachusetts*

*Parks & Recreation Department*

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Ron Kern (RK), Pat Filmore (PF), Sergio Coviello (SC), Rita Mullin (RM) Billie Luker (BL)

**Staff:** Marty Tilton (MT), Maria Brown (MB), Heidi Veader (HV)

**Tardy:**

**Absent:** Mike Fitzpatrick (MF) Sheila Sturdevant (SS) Nancy Ursino (NU)

**Call to order:** @6:56pm; Quorum, called by RK

**Audience of Citizens:** None present

**LUC:**

**Acceptance of Minutes:** @ 6:56PM

(PF) Made a motion to accept the minutes of November 7, 2022

(SC) Second the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:-** Nothing to report at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:-** See Parks Director notes

**OTHER BUSINESS:-** None to report

**OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:** MB-Balance sheet as of 11/30/2022 we are at a loss of \$28K , doing very well with getting the rest of the leagues user fees in, doing ok this time of the year, hoping for a good Spring. **Rita** stated that a Coach had reached out to her asking how he can use the Turf & MB said for him to just call her and she can coordinate times and dates with him to use the Turf. Retained earnings are not signed yet still waiting, Marty & Maria need to go over it, the budget is due on Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 which will be the next Rec mtg (which they will ask for an extension) **Rita** had asked if there was talk about Marty getting another employee to help him out, also she had asked if anyone has taken Liz's position in Finance & Maria said no not yet they have an agency helping out in the interim. When Lil came aboard it was brought up. **Ron** stated that the population has doubled since he has been on the committee when years back there was only 8K and today 2022 there is more than 15K residents in North Reading. **Marty** said that he is not a priority to get another employee. **Rita** still wants to request for another employee for the Parks department to help out. Per **Maria**, Lil had said we can request a subsidy. **Marty** brought it up to the TA Mike that they could hire another employee under DPW & utilize as needed for the Parks Dept. **Rita** said that Parks is always playing catch up as Marty doesn't have enough help, the selectmen need

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to get involved, we need to give them a presentation . **Rita** wants to make a motion for another parks employee paid for by the Town, **Billie 2<sup>nd</sup>** that motion. **Ron** said that the town just doesn't like change. Marty is hesitant as we are going to need the retained earnings for the upcoming projects. The town should pay for what the leagues don't pay for. **Sergio** thinks that it is a great idea to have another parks employee & that we just need to have a great plan & presentation to present to the town and show them what needs to get done and what has been done over the past years. **Billie** wants to know how many resource hours has Marty put in this year alone with all the contractors for Kids Spot/ IPR / Turf these are extras added on to your daily routine of maintenance required. **Pat** would it be beneficial to wait until the next mtg so that way Marty can have all his info to show the committee as we don't have a power point presentation to show as of yet, we know that the numbers are going to back us up for what we need.

Vote on new employee for Parks dept:

4 in favor –RK, BL, RM, SC

1 decline - PF

**RECREATION DIRECTOR:** Nancy is out sick, so Maria just stated that Winter programs are up, PeeWee Basketball, NEBB & Pickleball are big and FULL.

**PARKS DIRECTOR:** Marty said just a quick update Turf project was put out on a bid, but got put off as the times where posted incorrectly, the date was last Wednesday 12/14/22, confusion on the people who were going to submit the bid was to be at 10am and it was posted for 2pm, so ALL bids will be rejected and the new date will be 1/12/2023, 2 bids had come in weren't what they had hoped for but they have to be rejected . May have to take from the retained earnings or ask Hillview (**Rita** had chimed in to say that George from Hillview got word and said that they have no funds to help out) Marty said if the town can't come up with the money we may have to close the fields, there has been so many delays & the prices continue to go up as we just wait on answers. Does Gayle still think that you will see 11-12 bids, Marty said No, MT gave award of notice for the playground & delayed yet again by the town as the purchase order still isn't signed, it has been very frustrating but the ball is rolling. Rep Jones & Senator Tarr got another grant for IRP & Kids Spot in the amount of \$50K for IRP & \$100K for Kids Spot so total for both is \$300K, \$150K for IRP & \$150K for Kids Spot and Kids Spot has

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to be used by June 2023. Ron had stated that Marty you have everything going on all at once, that is because it all gets pushed off.

**LUC:** Rita said that at the next LUC mtg that Ken Tarr is stepping down and will NOT be involved anymore, it is frustrating for all members but they understand, he did the best he could during his duration of being on the committee, the Town shutdown for 2 yrs due to Covid. Ron had said that he has known Ken for many years and he always had the best interest for the town, his demeanor was wonderful & he wanted Rita to thank him for his time with the committee.

**FONRPR:** Maria stated that the Friends of had donated new tote bags for North Reading Welcomes , we need realtors to get us new listings of new home owners in town , we will pick one or two realtors to get the listings from & work with them to provide the new welcome bags to the new town residents.

**Intergeneration Center:** They had the survey & went over the results and will revisit them after the New Year in 2023.

**Next Meeting Date:** January 9, 2023 @ 6:45 pm at Town Hall Room 5

Ron also stated for February's mtg that on the 6<sup>th</sup> he will be out of the state so asked if we could do 2/13/23.

**Adjournment: @ 7:55 PM**  
**(BL) Made a motion to adjourn @ 7:55 PM**  
**(SC) Second the motion.**

**Approved: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Motion: PASSED**