



Town of North Reading
Massachusetts

Parks & Recreation Department

**Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of
Monday, June 13, 2022
Town Hall Room 5 @ 7PM**

Attendance:

Committee Members: Ron Kern (RK), Pat Fillmore (PF), Sergio Coviello (SC), Rita Mullin (RM) Sheila Sturdevant (SS)

Staff: Marty Tilton (MT), Maria Brown (MB) Nancy Ursino (NU) Heidi Veader (HV)

Tardy: Sergio Coviello (SC) @ 7:05PM

Absent: Mike Fitzpatrick (MF) Billie Luker (BL)

Call to order: @7:03pm; Quorum, called by RK

Audience of Citizens: None

Acceptance of Minutes: @ 7:03PM

(PF) Made a motion to accept the minutes of May 9, 2022

(SS) Second the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:- Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:- Nothing to report

OTHER BUSINESS:- Nothing to report

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OPERATIONS DIRECTOR: MB, we are \$108K as of May 31st in the plus, we are up with League revenue \$11K, Parks revenue above \$10K in revenue, \$30K overall projected revenue, \$6K under for expense's & @ \$149K budget. Ron stated that since we have had all new employees in the office and new roles things have been so wonderful, great job everyone, then ALL clapped. MB stated end of fiscal year 2021 \$103K in the black, Laurianne Galvin & Liz Rourke looked to find the amount but Maureen S looked and found the retained earnings was \$145K as of last yr 2021, at this moment we are at \$253 in retained earnings.

RECREATION DIRECTOR: NU, follow up from last meeting, hired a floater, doesn't look like we will be getting a Summer Director as it has been posted since April and no takes on it, it has been posted on Indeed & MMA. Ashley & I will be on site as needed to fill in & NU has let Alyson in HR know. At this time we have 148 members for SS, we have met all the salaries, had a meeting with the new SS counselors and had the First Aid/ CPR training on 6/7 & 6/9. NU went to a seminar the CIT Youth at Risk had invited me to at Endicott College and it was very powerful & moving. Ashley & NU went to a MRPA meeting in Revere & will be going to the last one for the season on 6/17 in Newburyport. Matt Tiberi has finalized his proposal for Summer youth Boys/Girls Camp. A young lady named Alison had reached out asking if she could teach Kids Yoga in the Fall so NU sent her the contract info, awaiting to hear back, but she was super excited about the opportunity. The BOH has been in contact with the Summer vendors, the Summer playground had some revisions & NU was

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Rec Director con't- able to get it down \$700. NU wanted to thank FONRPR for their \$1K gift, they were able to purchase new stuff for Summerscape such as a new water slide, dunk tank, outdoor lawn games.

Parks Director:- MT, Water issues at IRP, pumps are fine, the old mercury switches need to be replaced but hard to find, still able to keep the bathrooms open at this time, haven't been able to do the irrigation, getting a price from our Water Dept Mark Clark, ran lines, did measurements. Town meeting they passed the Turf as of 7/1 I can hire Gale architect to do the quotes, prices are locked in, may be able to do the turf after this years Thanksgiving football game. With the \$100K the playground at IRP would be about \$60K, Tennis courts would be less than \$40K which includes the basketball court, repainting the skate rink, hoping for the end of the Summer 2022. Brad Jones got a grant for Kids Spot of \$50K so that will go towards the architect to come up with the blue prints for 2023 project, toddler section to be done first, would be about \$200K to redo Kids Spot as it needs all up to date / code equipment. With the FONRPR we have purchased 5 new picnic tables, 2 seasonal guys have started and doing great, the 3rd one will start next week as he came down with Covid, Rec center looks great as the guys were able to re-mulch & clean it up, they are going through the parks and doing extra touch ups & clean up. Sheila had asked if her work the Local Pipefitters could help & look to see if they could assist with the switches needed, MT stated that Youth Soccer said they would pay for it if they could get the parts for replacing it. Hall Pump has been used for the past 12-15 yrs when MT called them they said they don't go to NR anymore, so MT called Wilmington Pump & they are out for appointments 3 weeks. MT had a mtg with ppl for Town Day 9/18/22 and they had asked to request a Beer Garden that will be fenced off & have a police detail.

Ron said we need a motion to discuss/deny. A motion has been brought to the Rec Com asking if Town Day 9/18/22 to have a beer garden, RM 1st, PF 2nd to discuss

RK – said it's a day event 11-3, doesn't impact local business, it's a family day.

PF just said it's a liability, RM, selectmen use to grant the olden days, SC, no comment, SS it's a kid friendly event. MT said that Reading had their event this past Saturday 6/11/22 with the Beer garden/ Fireworks.

All in disagreement- Motion passed.

LUC- RM, noted that she had gone to the Bike/walk path mtg and is asking if anyone would attend the next mtg, asking pro's & con's, ppl are upset that it may go through their property, they need to be educated on the boundaries of the path, which is why all should attend the mtg on 6/14/22 Tuesday. SC not against it, it just needs to be done correctly & be transparent with everyone. Phil Hertz did an awesome job outing everything together after 2 yrs of not having LUC mtgs due to Covid. Originally there was \$10M on the table from the state grant and now it has gone down to \$5M as it wasn't used, they need to look at town maps for what is town property opposed to resident property. PF doesn't agree with the path as its cutting into ppl's properties, she doesn't want every Tom, Dick & Harry going through her property. \$300K-\$850K to potentially get approval for the path, Phil will answer questions in the mtg on the 14th, a lot of other towns have bike/walking trails and are ok with it. RK said that Chelmsford Ma has a Bike trail history named Bruce Freeman started 2009 and is 25 miles long and ppl really enjoy it, ppl of NR are interested as to where the trail will be going. MT against it as he has too many projects going on that are starting in July and not enough help. RM just asking to vote YES or NO. RK said this is a P&R mtg in reality we need to do our own research and plan internally, each section should be 10 mins long for talking.

FONRPR- HV talked about the Summer BBQ's that on the 1st one 6/29 I have 8 NRHS volunteers, received the last final check from Farrelly Realty Group for the band/ summerscape & she gave an additional \$100, her

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total was \$1K, HV emailed all parties to remind them of the upcoming BBQ on 6/29 such as Mike Piazza Flying Frisbee for children's entertainment, Jumpin Juba (band), Reading Co-Op (sponsor), Geri Farrelly (sponsor) Robert Clarke the Magician for SS, Rusty Howse from Howse Corp (sponsor for SS) .

I reached out to Reading Co-Op Bank to see if they would donate cases of water for the BBQ's and they agreed and are providing us with 8 cases of water for each week, total of 32 cases, I reached out to Stop N Shop asking if they would donate rolls for the BBQ's, awaiting on a response. MT stated that the shed is all cleaned out and ready per Maureen Stevens, we are making just one banner for the BBQ series.

Intergeneration Center- RM would like to be on the committee & Sergio, MB & NU to be on the committee as well per RM, need to look at the rules, NRPD Is their top priority, then Town Hall then the Intergenerational center. RM as a Rec Com/ LUC member to be at IRP would go to legislation, 1 parcel under general government, 1 parcel under recreation, look at what we have to state for the center to be on 5 ½ acres, way back there was talk about it being an Athletic complex, Senior center & Veteran's. PF is asking why Veterans has to move when they have a place at Town Hall, RK wants to keep up the talk about the Intergenerational Center, get more ppl present. Sergio is confused regarding the talk about the \$10M then down to \$5M, it was brought up by Brad Jones 4 yrs ago in 2018 then Covid hit in 2019 & where it was used it dropped down to the \$5M as its air marked.

Next Meeting Date: August 22, 2022 at Town Hall Room 5 @ 7PM

Adjournment: @ 8:29 PM

(PF) Made a motion to adjourn @ 8:29PM

(SC) Second the motion.

Approved: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Motion: PASSED