



TOWN OF NORTH READING
Massachusetts

**Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of
Monday, March 22, 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), Pat Filmore (PF), Billie Luker (BL), Mike Fitzpatrick (MF), Sheila Sturdevant (SS)

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

Tardy:

Absent:

Call to order: 6:50 pm; Quorum, called by RK

Audience of Citizens: None

Acceptance of Minutes:

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

Approved: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Motion: Passed

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

MS, Operations Director Update:

MS – we received a request from a non-resident asking if they could have a Fruit stand at IRP. Committee agreed we will stand with "No Transient Vendors" at any NR Park.

MS – No financial update today. Working on League schedules and getting them online.
Meeting with BOH for guidelines.

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MS – having Capital Meeting with TA/Finance to go over Turf Field replacement Request.

BBQ's – request from entertainers to confirm dates, at this time cannot confirm. We need to have an answer so that we do not hold them up. We will have to reach out to our past sponsors to see if they are still interested.

LC - If BBQ's are cancelled SummerScape can possibly use the children's entertainers.

RK – we need to discuss options for BBQ's: plan on how we can accomplish holding a BBQ(s) with State/local guidelines.

LC, Recreation Director Update:

Our spring/summer registration is in full swing. Registrations coming in strong.

Special Municipal Employees – discussion with HR.

We will be offering SummerScape. We will not offer Kid Connection this year. Preschool age is tough with Covid-19 guidelines and spacing needed. Would not be profitable. We will have a maximum of 80 in SummerScape. We will be able to offer 8 weeks. They will have to register for a full week at a time. Not offering field trips, but entertainers weekly. Our numbers will be limited for BC/AC. Working on hiring staff. Scheduling a meeting with Directors we were going to hire last year.

LC – looking to have a meeting with HR/Ron/Rita to discuss Programmer position.

MT, Parks Director Update:

Warmer weather brings people outdoors. Crew working on clean-ups.

Hoping to open bathrooms soon. Planning on putting out picnic tables mid-May.

Field Turf coming to blow black back onto turf.

Meeting with TA/Finance to discuss replacement of turf.

SC wanted to mention that NRLL contacted him to repair lights at NRLL – Benevento field.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LUC (RM): RM thanked MT for meeting with her and Margie Salt at IRP in regards to benches.

CIT (RM): No Update.

FONRPRC: BBQ Series – discussing at next meeting.

Next Recreation Committee Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2021 and May 3, 2021 at 6:45pm.

- **Adjournment: 7:52pm**

(PF) made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:52pm.

(MF) seconds the motion.

Approved: 7 Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion: PASSED