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**Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of
Monday, May 3, 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), Sheila Sturdevant (SS), Pat Filmore (PF)

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

Tardy:

Absent:

Call to order:

7:01pm; Quorum, called by RK

Audience of Citizens: None

Acceptance of Minutes:

(PF) made a motion to accept Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021, (SC) Second the Motion

Approved: 7 Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion: Passed

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

MS, Operations Director Update:

MS – reviewed the FY2021 Treasurers Report. This year is 83% complete, ending June30, 2021. Lots revenue coming in, but we have a few purchase orders and bills not yet paid. We are still trying to be stringent with funds and not spending. Recreation is running programs bringing in funds and League money is now coming in. We will not hit our Budget of \$448,210, but hoping to make a small profit. Recreation is hiring staff for some spring programs and summer. Parks will be hiring one staff to assist as a seasonal.

FY2021 – Met with Finance and TA to discuss deficit of \$56,000. Town may cover this amount, but not fund going forward. TA would like to see what we can cover from funds coming in and maybe at Town meeting in October go to Town meeting with updated budget.

MT, Parks Director Update:

Spring is underway, we're in good shape, fields are open, fertilizer down. I'm excited I'm getting a seasonal this year. Going to have them assist with working on the mowing and aeration. The guys and I have been pitching in doing what the seasonals would normally do. The guys are doing a great job. So happy to have Rich G., he's doing a great job and he's now doing the covid spraying. We'd be lost without him.

Turf field – as Maureen mentioned, we met with TA and Finance, then with Capital Planning committee. Field Turf does a bi-annual maintenance on the turf field. We had a Gmax test, which tells you the safety of the field for compaction. They test each part of the field. The test results came in great. The center was a bit lower than the rest of the field, but we can take care of that with maintenance filling. Field Turf told us we could go out 2 years.

I was notified by the track coach at the HS that he had concerns about the track. MT contacted him and fixed where his concerns were. He is happy with the fix.

MS - If money comes in we may be able to hire a second seasonal.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LUC (RM): Receiving requests for benches and trees. Getting quote on landscape.

CIT (RM): No update.

FONRPRC: Had annual meeting prior to this meeting.

- LC asked for \$3,000 to support Recreation programs. This was approved.
- BBQ – MS stressed that we cannot go month to month and keep bands and entertainers on hold. With all the restrictions and even if we got to 250 the BBQ would be difficult and only serving a minimal amount. By August gathers could be rescinded. Maybe at that time we could throw one together or maybe fall. . RK ask if we could go around to all present and ask their opinion. RM would still like to go month to month. PF would like to have a few BBQ. A few members agree to cancel until we see restrictions. Consensus was that we cancel entertainers and bands. We let them know we hope to throw one/two together at a later date. August or maybe into the Fall.

RM – mentioned that an altercation was at the park, someone smoking cigars in the parking lot. MT to mentioned it to Chief Murphy for feedback.

Next Recreation Committee Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:45pm.

• **Adjournment: 8:22pm**

(RM) made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22pm.

(PF) seconds the motion.

Approved: 7 Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion: PASSED