



Town of Barnstable  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION**



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**RECREATION COMMISSION**

**October 7, 2024**

**I. PRELIMINARIES**

**A. Call To Order** by Renen King (Madam Chair) at 5:30 PM

1. **Notice of Recording:** Please note that this meeting is being recorded and will be replayed via Xfinity Channel 8 or high definition Channel 1072. It may also be accessed via the Government Access Channel live video on demand archives on the Town of Barnstable's website:

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**B. Roll Call**

1. Commissioners Present:

- Rene King
- Tim Lus
- Brendan Burke
- James O'Leary
- Tony Lapolla

2. **Also Present:** John Gleason- Director of Recreation, Mark Boardley- Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager

**C. Act On Minutes**

1. Jim O'Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024 meeting; seconded by Tony Lapolla; **VOTE-All in favor**
2. Tim Lus made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024 meeting; Tony Lapolla seconded; **VOTE – All in favor**

**II. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2023-2024 Recreation Commission Road Trip Recommendations**

1. Centerville Recreation Multipurpose Facility
  - i. The safety items have been addressed

- ii. John said funds have been appropriated for the playground and the parking lot
    - iii. Funding for field work would require a person to push this forward, seeking funds from the Community Preservation Committee and/or Capital Improvement Plan
  - 2. Cotuit Lowell Park
    - i. Repairs of parking lot would have to be addressed as a capital improvement project
  - 3. Barnstable Hollow
    - i. John will follow up to give an update on a plan that was drawn up years ago for a new playground
  - 4. Hyannis Youth and Community Center Skatepark
    - i. Rene suggested commissioner's take a tour of the Sandwich facility for ideas on repurposing our skate park
    - ii. The skatepark will in the future either be upgraded or repurposed but a plan is not yet in place for this
  - 5. West Barnstable Community Building
    - i. John has a plan in place to meet with user groups that store supplies in the basement space to get it cleaned up
- B. **Osterville Playground Update** – James O'Leary
  - 1. Everything is in place to secure the contractor for doing the work
  - 2. Expectation is that the playground will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2025, possibly by the end of 2024
- C. **Vote On Recreation Commission Meeting Dates**
  - 1. Suggested that if meetings go to every other month, ad hoc meetings will be held if needed
  - 2. Suggested that a concentrated effort be made to have that a group that represents the community at each meeting
  - 3. Tony Lapolla made a motion made that meetings will be held every other month, that each meeting will have a guest invited, and that meetings will be held via zoom except for the July meeting which will be in person. **VOTE – All in favor**
- D. **Adult Center Update**
  - 1. Tony will get an update for the next meeting
- E. **Call To Action – Two Recreation Commission Openings**
  - 1. Rene announced the availability of two seats on the Recreation Commission
  - 2. Contacts are Rene King, John Gleason, or Mark Boardley
  - 3. Rene will send out information on being a liaison the Community Preservation Committee

**IV. RECREATION STAFF REPORT – JOHN GLEASON (See Handout A)**

- A. Administration



1. The Request for Proposal for new recreational software was pulled and reviewed in an effort to get another one in the next couple of months
  2. Meeting with town staff about Parking Permits and enforcement resulted in information on rules, etc. that will be put out for the coming year
  3. Sometimes the pickleball and tennis players at the Marstons Mills Tennis Courts have disagreements about using the courts so John' meeting with them informed them of the policies and procedures that are in place
- B. Aquatics
1. Barnstable High School Lifeguarding class will be a long process but it is hopeful it will result in lifeguards by the end of the school year
  2. Discussion held on the effort to get raises for seasonal staff
- C. Recreation Programs
1. Registration for the full years' worth of the ½ day of play program was put out with the fall registration and filled up almost immediately
  2. Recreation is always looking for seasonal staff
  3. Adaptive Multi-Sport Program is held on Thursday afternoons at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center

**V. HYCC YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF REPORT—MARK BOARDLEY (See Handout B)**

- A. Administrative
1. The Barnstable Public Schools Facilities Director and Superintendent gave good reviews of the improvements made to the ice hockey space
  2. There is a lot of new DPW and HYCC staff so meeting with the DPW to discuss the needs, logistics, and transfer of information was important
- B. Ice News
1. Jackie Keaney went with Krisanne Caron to meet with the Boston Skating Club to learn how we might bolster our programs and get better
  2. All returning ice camps will be returning next summer
  3. New scoreboard receivers and input panels installation has been finalized
- C. Gym/Youth Center News
1. Staff will go to speak with staff at the school in an attempt to get more children enrolled in the S.O.A.R program
  2. The installation of the new membership scanners has started so better tracking of members can be done from both the reception area and the gym

**VI. LIAISONS REPORTS**

- A. Sandy Neck – Rene King
1. Rene will ask a member of the Sandy Neck Board to attend a future meeting
  2. The Board went before the Town Council in the process for the new Sandy Neck beach facility and coastal resilient project

**VIII. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None**



**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Centerville resident, Frank, brought forth suggestions on the upgrade of the field

1. Has a design vision of a small ballfield in front, two rectangular fields in back, and a gazebo in the middle for shade

**A. NEXT MEETING'S NEW BUSINESS – To Be Determined**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tony Lapolla. Seconded by Tim Lus

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

**NEXT MEETING November 4, 2024**

