



Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

April 20, 2023

6 pm, Skaket Room

Hybrid

Members Present: Tracy Murphy, Anne Sigsbee, Katie Cole, Meff Runyon. NRHS Rep
Will Bilowicz

Via Zoom: Sharon Basso, Joan Francolini, Jamie Balliet

Agenda

Call to order: Tracy

Approve minutes for 3/16/23 Postponed to May meeting

Current Recreation Programming and Department Updates (Tracy)

Tricia McDonald, new Recreation Director will be starting May 1st

Current programming: Adult fitness (36)

Adult Tennis (12)

Pickleball

Youth Tennis (12)

Softball 4/5/6th grade (20)

3rd grade invited to join instructional softball

Easter Egg Hunt 120+ participants at Sea Call Farm

Gate between playground to lower court has been locked due to concerns regarding toys and safety from debris left on ground on the courts. Jamie wrote letter to Charlie and Brendan regarding access and equity as this is a shared public space.

Anne: suggested safe accommodations, such as a broom or other tools to make the court safe for pickleball. Asked if we should make a statement as a committee that the town

has to address fair access to courts for the short term. Proposed a motion to solving the problem of limited access in a cooperative way among the players.

Tracy: Communicated with Charlie and Brendan and happy to reach out again as to where the committee stands regarding limited access.

CPC Updates and Discussion

- Lower tennis courts should be converted to pickleball courts in May. This is the best choice for now.
- Master Plan Project approved in Town Meeting, May 2022 to look at the recreation spaces at Nauset Middle School, OES and Eldredge Park with reps from the bodies that oversee those properties. Started in the fall. At some point there was some movement away from the original intent of the project, on March 21st 2023, the committee met. Unbeknownst to the working group the fire station issue became more central to the project than what is appropriate or desirable. The Draft proposal was a draft, and not accepted or adopted by the working group and set aside. The goal is to figure out how to get back to the original intent of the project. There is still a need and reason to make the best use of those property's for recreational use. The plan that is being floated around is not the plan that will get us there.

Review and clarify RAC goals - including policy needs - to be shared with new Rec Director.

Extending the summer program by 2 weeks

Swim safety

Management of the tennis courts

Communication

Deep dive into fee system

Motion to pass onto the recreation director our concerns for policy needs:

Communication(in club concerns, social media), fee review (waivers, refunds, equity,

accessibility) SORI/CORI checks, safety (SORE/CORI, incident reports, 51A),
volunteers, sportsmanship.

Motion Tracy, 2nd Anne passed 5-0

Future Agenda Items:

Policy

Comprehensive plan

Judi Wilson: Summer programming will be the priority for the new director.

Motion to Adjourn Sharon, 2nd Katie