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April 3, 2023

Recreation Office at Grafton Memorial Municipal Center

A Recreation Commission meeting was held on **April 3, 2023** at the Recreation Department office. Commissioners in attendance were Stephen Crowley, Kayla Cushman, and Adriane Mampe. Jen Andersen and Mary Sevon were also in attendance. Mr. Dan Fitzgerald was present. Kristen Belanger and Michael Bruny were absent.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Cushman motioned to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting. Ms. Mampe seconded. All approved. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Review of Bills:** Bills from March were reviewed.
4. **Correspondence:** No correspondence for the month.
The Commission discussed the request by a town member to post a sign at Silver Lake indicating "Swim at Your Own Risk" so residents could swim when lifeguards are not available. Ms. Andersen relayed that Town Counsel will not allow 'swim at your own risk' and therefore the current signage of 'no swimming' is appropriate.
5. **ARPA Funding Update:** The funding has now been earmarked for the two projects: the Masterplan and Pickleball Court Update.

MASTERPLAN: Ms. Andersen has noted that she will be putting the project out to bid. The document will steer our plans for maintenance, use of fields, capital expenses and other projects to give guidance and prioritizing demands and opportunities.

PICKLEBALL: Ms. Andersen indicated that the department will spend about \$47,000 at Ferry Street to repair the cracks, apply new asphalt, reline the tennis/basketball court, and create four dedicated pickleball courts. The Parks department was cutting down the basketball hoops and locking up the courts soon. The windscreen and hit wall have been ordered. The project is moving along. The

intent, once the project is completed, is to leave the nets out all summer. There will need to be more discussion later about how to handle winter and off-season requirements. Mr. Fitzgerald asked about expanding the project and taking over the tennis court to have a totally dedicated pickleball center. There was a request to have pickleball court lines drawn on the tennis court/basketball court. Ms. Cushman reinforced the idea that the parks should be for all the community and remain multi-sports. Mr. Fitzgerald asked about the future for Pickleball in Grafton. It was noted that the Master Plan would be the best source for an answer.

6. Commissioner Reports – CPC, OSRP, Programming/Events:

OSRP: The group finished drafting the purpose of the Open Space Directive. Once it goes out, it will be considered published. The group will act as oversight of everything but not have ownership. They will act as an overlay to make sure everyone coordinates and maintains the trails.

CPC: Ms. Andersen met with CPC last week and they approved the Norcross Park plan. She asked the Commission if we needed a community outreach/meeting night or a presentation at the Town Meeting. Ms. Cushman indicated that the information night is needed as people are asking lots of questions. Mr. Crowley commented that it was a lot of money from CPC. He was reminded that the funds were replacing the half aged out equipment, will be fully inclusive with a spinner, ADA swings, and a shade structure. We are asking CPC for \$228,000 while we are bringing \$170,000 to the project. At that point, Mr. Crowley thought we should make a brief presentation at the town meeting.

Programming: Upcoming events include the Someone Special Dance on April 14, Disc Golf on April 29, the Yard Sale on May 6 and the Road Race on May 13th. For the Someone Special Dance, Mr. Crowley will be the doorman and Ms. Cushman and her son will be the concession staff. Set-Up is at 6:30PM. We have student volunteers from the high school as well.

7. Director Report:

Ms. Andersen gave an update of 95 North. The work is delayed. They are doing soil testing now. The parking lot work will be done between June and August and then the contractors will build the shade structure and finish in the Fall of 2023.

8. At 8:31 pm Ms. Cushman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Mampe seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously 3-0. The next meeting will on May 1, 2023 in person.