

**Marshfield Recreation Department**  
**900 Ferry Street**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting**  
May 26, 2021, Meeting Called to Order 6:01

**Marshfield Recreation Commission Meeting attendees:**

Gary Pina, Brendan Wills, Brian Spano, Brian Robinson

Craig Jameson, Director Marshfield Recreation, Nancy Bowers, Administrative Assistant Marshfield Recreation

Pickleball Representative: Ann Gillespie

Missing Commission Member: Denis Kelleher

Meeting Minutes were approved by all.

Gary taught beginner Pickleball at Peter Igo, which went great and teaching another on June 11, 2021. There will be Summer Pickleball, 2 nights at Peter Igo Park and 2 nights at the High School Courts. Craig is putting together a Pickleball League for Thursday Nights. There is a possibility of a Beginner League and Advanced League.

Ann Gillespie wanted to know why 2 nights instead of 3 and Craig told her it was because there are 2 locations and a league on Thursday nights. She wanted to know why the new program was not starting until July and Craig informed her there would be rain makeup for prior program. Ann stated that the newly painted lines are a "miracle". She stated that people were upset because they could not play last Friday because of the beginner class. Craig stated just because a person plays the same day of the week on their own does not mean that the courts could be permitted for any program at that time. He stated if they want to make sure that the courts were available for them to play that they should go onto our registration website and put in a reservation request and pay for the court fees. Ann stated that there is a missing net at Peter Igo. The Marshfield Tennis Club was going to replace it.

Ann stated that Jim Bunnell told her that the Multi-use courts would be open on the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Craig stressed that the Town of Marshfield owns that court not the Boys and Girls Club. It is up to the Recreation Department to say when the court is available to use.

Ann states that there are a lot of injuries at the COA courts when she is there. Gary states that it is because the players are not stretching before they play. Gary has made a brochure about the importance of stretching and he will be giving some to Ann to hand out. Gary suggests that there be a first aid kit available.

Craig wants it to be clear that COA is in charge of the Courts at the COA and Recreation is in charge of the Peter Igo, MHS and the Boys and Girls Club Multi-use Courts.

Ann is concerned about a new person who is an aggressive player and keeps falling. She is concerned that person may hurt someone else. Craig said no one can ask him to leave, that would be discrimination. Gary said he would go down when that person is there and talk about taking the beginner class to that person for the safety of all.

**Peter Igo Park**

Craig states that PIP has reserved the courts for drop in Tennis every Saturday. Ann states that they are donating an American Flag, one at Peter Igo Park poles has broken and Craig Alvey was fixing. Nancy and Craig are working with Conservation to obtain the After the Fact Notice of Intent for PIP.

**Coast Guard Hill**

Craig updated everyone about the Community Garden beds that are being put in. The Volleyball courts now have nets behind them so the balls don't go into the marsh. There will be a basketball program at Coast Guard Hill this summer. We are selecting the colors for the playground unit and placing the order. It will take approximately 10 weeks until it comes in.

Craig ran through all of our programs we will have running this summer and open for registration. We would like to have a street hockey adult league and a badminton league. He stated we hit our financial goal that was set by the Town Treasurer. We would like to do 2 concert this summer, July and August. We have reached out to Dan Hassett for some guidance and waiting for him to respond.

The Courts and Field Usage, Billy Battis is working with every group if the High School teams needs to use a location at last minute.

Craig will be programing the Multi-use court at the Boys and Girls Club in July. He will be putting together an agreement regarding usage with the Boys and Girls Club.

Craig will be sending out a form to all Commission members regarding what they should be inspecting on their designated location. Inspection should be done at least once a month. They should report back at every Commission Meeting.

Craig states that on June 9<sup>th</sup> he will be presenting to CPC on all the projects we would like to do in the next 5 years. Craig will share with the Commission Members before the meeting. Craig states that the Playground spraying will be stopping everyday spraying and maybe do once a week or once a month.

Craig would like the Commission Members to see if they know of anyone ages 14 – 15 to volunteer at our summer programs. Brian Robinson suggested we call the high school to see if any group has to do any community service and contact them.

Gary made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, Brian Robinson seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 6:41.