

Marshfield Recreation Department
900 Ferry Street
Recreation Commission Meeting

January 28, 2021, Meeting Called to Order 6:00

Marshfield Recreation Commission Meeting attendees:

Gary Pina, Brian Robinson, Denis Kelleher, Brendan Wills, Craig Jameson, Director Marshfield Recreation, Nancy Bowers, Administrative Assistant Marshfield Recreation

Missing: Brian Spano

Gary Pina asked if everyone saw the meeting minutes for October and December's Commission Meeting. Everyone agrees. Denis Kelleher made the motion to accept the minutes and Brian Robinson 2nd it. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Craig spoke about the impact of Covid-19 has had on the Recreation Department financials. We have been unable to do any programming. We had a \$100,000 buffer but if this continues we will only have \$30,000. Come the spring the Recreation Department will be programming outdoor programs as much as possible.

Craig spoke about the Blue Hills Ski Program. Blue Hills is doing a great job with Covid-19 protocol. It's going real well with 23 participants. There is no bus. Parents are transporting their children.

Craig talked about the Recreation February Vacation Program. The staff will follow Covid-19 protocol. 10 children maximum. It will be at Library Plaza 9-12 Daily. We will be using the Community Playground, the large auditorium, and the Recreation room. There will be outdoor play at playground, a movie, a physical activity and a craft. Looking also to run a similar program at Coast Guard Hill. For the Middle School children maybe run a sports program at the Community Turf.

For the spring and summer we are brain storming and contacting people to run programs we have had in the past.

Craig stated that we will be stepping away from EEC and letting the Boys and Girls Club run an afterschool in the schools. EEC takes too much of our staff's time, we have no time to run any other programs. We will then be taking Flag Football from the Boys and Girls Club which brings in approximately \$50,000. Gary Pina asked if this will be a problem with parents in town and licensing. Craig stated if the childcare is being met by the Boys and Girls Club there should not be a problem. The Boys and Girls Club will run the program in all 5 Elementary Schools.

Denis Kelleher asked if we change fields and use Rockwood Road will the DPW charge Recreation for use. We expressed that it will be a Recreation Program not an outside organization.

Gary suggested we make an agreement that if the Boys and Girls Club take the Extended Day we can use the Boys and Girls Club Fields.

Denis expressed that Marshfield Youth Soccer and Marshfield Youth Football have concerns about the field costs. Craig brought up the fact that we could take over Marshfield Youth Soccer and Marshfield Youth Football. Denis Kelleher and Brian Robinson thought this would be beneficial to all and will be taking this information to their organization.

Craig spoke about Peter Igo Park. The Recreation Department is working with the Conservation Department and Pat Brennan to obtain the proper permits.

Craig also discussed that the Recreation Department had a Zoom conference with the USTA regarding collaborating with Marshfield Tennis Club, the USTA and the Recreation Department about Tennis in the Parks program. Craig asked Gary Pina if that was the program he ran for us in the past and in fact he

did. Gary suggested due to Covid-19 he would only feel comfortable to have 4 children per program and that we do not have to run this through the Marshfield Tennis Club.

Craig spoke about the Multiuse court being built at the Boys and Girls Club are going out to bid.

Craig discussed our new MyRec.com software. We are getting used to it. MyRec customer service is putting together a demonstration video for organization who will be needing to request fields, turf and courts. Denis Kelleher said that because the indoor places will not be open for early practicing that they will need to request the fields earlier this year.

Gary Pina asked what recreational facilities would be open. Craig said that we would be following all the all state and town Covid-19 protocol and guideline on opening and closing facilities.

Craig talked about the new playground we have requested fund for with the CPC Department. The CPC has approved and recommended it go before Town Meeting in April for approval. Denis said that Craig and Nancy did a good presentation.

Craig said that the Recreation Department had 2 people spraying the Playground around town until the end of December, now there is one person doing it starting at 6:00am in the mornings Monday-Friday.

Gary Pina asked about if the Skate Parks would be opening and Craig said not at this time.

Denis Kelleher stated that the within the next 6 months the CPC will be inviting all of the Town Departments to a meeting regarding each departments long term goals and how the CPC can help.

Gary Pina asked the Commission to bring any programing ideas that the Recreation Department can implement into their programing for the future.

The Recreation Department has been invited to the Selectmen's Meeting to inform them on what we have been dealing with and the new programs in the near future.

Brian Robinson made the motion and Denis Kelleher 2nd it. Meeting Adjourned Pass unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned: 7:01