

Marshfield Recreation Department
900 Ferry Street
Recreation Commission Meeting
February 24, 2021, Meeting Called to Order

Marshfield Recreation Commission Meeting attendees:

Gary Pina, Brian Robinson, Denis Kelleher, Brendan Wills, Brian Spano Craig Jameson, Director Marshfield Recreation, Nancy Bowers, Administrative Assistant Marshfield Recreation
Guests: Ann Gillespie represent Pickleball Group
Bud Duksta listened in representing Peter Igo Park.

Gary Pina asked if everyone saw the meeting minutes for January Commission Meeting
Everyone agree. Denis Kelleher made the motion to accept the minutes and Brendan Wills 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 started programing for the spring and summer. So far we have brought in close to \$3,000.

Denis Kelleher wanted to make full disclosure that he met with Craig and Nancy to learn more of what the Recreation Department does and what is the role of the Commission.

Ann Gillespie spoke representing the Pickleball community. She wanted to know what our thoughts were for the spring and summer. She updated us that the Boys and Girls Club is now allowing the pickleball players 7 days a week with 2 court 10 people can play. She said the she and Deb Sheehan taught a first time group how to play. The Frozen Pickleball Players, as they call themselves, are still playing at Peter Igo. They use an App Team Reach to schedule the group who wants to play. Ann also spoke of the new place Pickles in Hanover pricing. \$200 membership and \$80 a month. She asked that the lines be painted at Peter Igo and signs be put up there as well. Gary Pina said that the Commission will discuss this. Craig said signs will be posted. She also stated that the Council on Aging's multi-use court will only be open to 4:30. Craig asked Ann if she thought that the players would be interested in a Pickleball league. Beginner, intermediate and advanced league. She thought they would and agreed to help form a committee to get it organized.

Craig continued the Director's report and stated that the Selectmen's meeting went well and approved the Recreation Department to hand over the Extended Day Licensed program to the Boys and Girls Club with approval. Coast Guard Hill and Library Plaza can be rented out by citizens. Recreation is hiring and rehiring staff for the spring and summer programing. We had 10 children in our February vacation program that the kids enjoyed. 2 children in our nature program with a new instructor who also has a program starting on Wednesdays in March. The multi-use courts at the Boys and Girls Club are going out to bid in the next couple of weeks. Cullen Electric told Patrick Brennan what is needed for electricity. Gary stated that we are collaborating with the Boys and Girls Club but that the courts belong to the Town of Marshfield. Craig stated that the Boys and Girls Club can use them during the afterschool program, their summer camp and can also rent them from the town if they are charging people for programs. Other than that the programing will be through the Recreation Department. Brian Robinson asked what the multi-use courts will be lined for and Craig told him basketball, pickleball, futsal. Craig reporting on MyRec.com the new software system has all the town facilities, programs and calendar open to the public. New playground at Coast Guard Hill's next step is Town Meeting on April 26, 2021 and we are in constant contact with Tim Pesko of Childscape. DPW wants to build a new playground at North Marshfield's Fire Station. Denis Kelleher said they were approved through CPC for the money to do that. Gary Pina brought up the fact that in a past Commission meeting each Commission member was going to adopt a Recreation site and he suggested that a committee be

formed at each site. Brian Robinson stated this was a good idea because we can only ask for so much from CPC and DPW.

Craig informed the Commission that we would like to do the summer concert either at the Town Green or at Coast Guard Hill. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2021 at 10:00am at Coast Guard Hill. We are planning a Glo-Golf Tournament in May date TBD. Craig said that there will be a meeting with Friends of Peter Igo Park, DPW, Conservation and Harbor Master to all get on the same page.

Craig is working with Brian Murphy and George Mallett on starting up a Recreation Department Softball league.

Denis Kelleher asked if giving the Extended Day to Boys and Girls Club was permanent and Craig said we are hoping it is.

Brian Robinson made a motion that the Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 6:49 and Denis Kelleher 2nd it. Pass unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 6:49