

## **Plympton Recreation Commission Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes:** Thursday, June 15, 2023

**Meeting Attended By:** Jeff Haas, Katrina Player, Mark Reilly, Angelo Boccacini, Gavin Murphy (Open Space), John Traynor, Rob Firlotte (Highway Dept), Eric Lorenz (PAYS), Scott Devonshire (PAYS)

Call to order at 6:30pm, meeting took place in the 1707 room in the Town Hall

### **New Business:**

Sign for HJ Park – John Traynor would like standard signage throughout town for all parks, Brenner quote and mock-up provided to John to review and bring it to the other committees so everyone can be on the same page, he will inform Rec Committee once decision has been made

Rob asked about flagpole at HJ, will stay in place

Updated project list/funds spent, Angelo reviewed list of prioritized items, multiple payments have been made from 2022/2023 grant money, will wait until 2023/2024 grant money to continue to work on the project list, PAYS has offered to fundraise to assist in paying for some sports related items on list

Holt Field update: issue with septic at Library/Fire Station, Board of Health became involved in placement, plan pending regarding placement, may need to wait a month or so EPA to drill and determine if location is approved, Scott Devonshire asked about backstop at small baseball field as it needs repair, Mark thought we will need to wait to see about septic, leeching fields, wells, John Traynor concurred and advised to make short term repairs for now

John Traynor mentioned HJ Park has a small 2-person committee and that HJ Park has also been managed by Open Space Committee, Rec Committee needs to work with all committees to make changes at HJ Park, Gavin Murphy recommended having a liaison from each committee to discuss any and all changes, Angelo/Mark will represent Rec Committee, Gavin will represent Open Space, John Traynor will connect Rec Committee with HJ Committee

Scott Devonshire asked who will be responsible for purchasing equipment going forward, soccer goals, baseball bases, etc. That will be discussed at a future meeting. Rec Committee with discuss having a liaison to work with PAYS to make determination when sports fields should be closed due to weather

Classes for the public: can Rec Committee charge participants, per John Traynor will need non-profit status to charge for programming, no decision made regarding specific programming, John Traynor advised Rec Committee research possible grants to cover cost of instructors for programming

Open Space Committee would like Rec Committee input for new 7-year plan, next meeting 7/27 via Zoom

Rob asked for sports schedule so mowing can be done accordingly, PAYS should provide

### **To Do/Updates:**

Still waiting on electrical conduit to be buried at softball field, Eric Lorenz mentioned wire should be 1 inch as they'd like to build another shed there that may need electric

Shed at Dennett – no decision has been made regarding type of structure, Rob asked about exact location, advised it would be in the softball outfield, behind soccer snack shack, Rob recommended we contact Rick Burnett or Rob Fernald for quote for carpentry work

Sacred Heart bleachers are available now per Angelo, soccer season is over, Rob asked we put a pad under the bleachers so no mowing has to be done, may need trailer/flatbed to move them, Mark asked about backstop fencing and covered dugouts at Sacred Heart, Angelo will follow up

Harry Jason Park landscaper update: field aerated, seeded, & fertilized, grass looks good, started at Dennett soccer fields and softball outfield today, no fence per Highway Dept, Jeff will put up signs that the field is closed, soccer nets have been moved out of the way, sprinklers are in working order, watering schedule will remain the same

**Completed Tasks:**

Holt Field – dugouts along first base line roof has been repaired, equipment shed completed, lock will placed on door, shelving will be added soon, total cost \$990

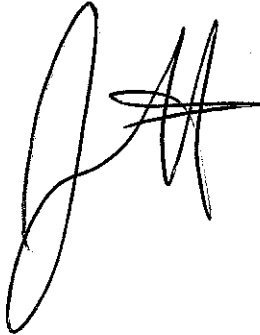
**Proposed Projects:**

Discuss & decide on programming to offer to citizens

Set up 503c non-profit "Friends of Rec Committee" to generate funds

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.**

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