

CHARLOTTE RECREATION COMMISSION.

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- 1.0 Meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. Bill Fraser-Harris, Greg Smith, Craig Reynolds, Rich Ahrens, Rodney Centeno, Bill Pence and Judy Hill were in attendance. Charlie Prout was also in attendance. A quorum was present.
- 2.0 Adjustments to Agenda - Charlie Prout , Distinctive Landscaping to present beach ideas. Recycling bins request from Abbie Foulk
- 3.0 Public Comments and Communication - none
- 4.0 11/13/18 minutes were presented approved unanimously
- 5.0 Discussion/Action Items
 - 5.1 Rec Director Report- Cancelled, Rec Director unable to attend
 - 5.2 Chairman's Report
 - 5.2.1 Survey results showed residents were mostly interested in going to town beach to swim, relax and spend time with family. Commission was pleased with response rate of 225 surveys and admitted survey was lacking in some areas but was overall effective in showing how the property is utilized. Discussion of possible relocation of parking lot could create more space to enjoy park and could create more parking spaces. Also survey results showed non-use of softball and volleyball areas that could be repurposed for alternative uses.
 - 5.2.2 Charlie Prout of Distinctive Landscaping presented ideas based on conversation with Rec Chairman and Director. Historically the property was given to the town in parcels and has evolved over time through the efforts of engaged citizens; the playground, bathhouse, tennis courts, etc.

A large map of the parcel was presented with possible ideas including:

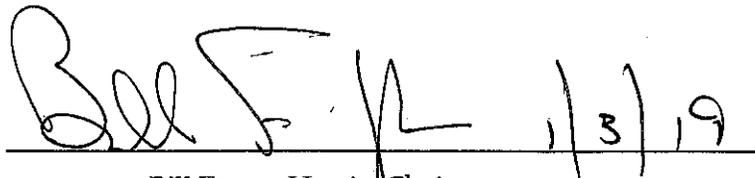
 1. Enlarging grass area west of Lake rd by expanding rip-rap (large boulders on beach level)
 2. Creating a guardrail type bench that could span the length between the north and south stairwells, or longer. Bench would provide expansive seating facing west and safety from road. Discussion included bench causing visual barrier, would need to have an open design, speed bumps to slow traffic down, speed limit signs, elevated-removable pedestrian crossing. Brief discussion of moving road east, away from beach, which has been discussed years prior and deemed cost prohibitive.
 3. Making beach handicap accessible from south ramp; also creating a drop off for kayaks, etc.
 4. Broadening set of stairs leading down to beach, using concrete to address high water
 5. Expanding horseshoe parking lot to 60 parking spaces (25 south/35 north), increasing size of picnic area. Discussion included moving entrance north with south access for handicap access and gear drop off, impact expansion would have on disc golf course, and need to contact town tree warden.
 6. Building a sloping lawn west to east, creating a performance space with the lake as a backdrop. Discussion included engineering and drainage issue, that an illegal drain currently exists.
 7. Building a perimeter walking path around entire 22 acreage.
 8. Building new 150' long playground that could be integrated with wooded area, along with a flat, well drained area for lawn games. Playground could function as a inclusive area for children/parents/grandparents/caregivers with play areas, shaded seating, handicap accessibility. A boardwalk could be installed around playground with corridors winding throughout. Discussion included effect playground expansion would have on disc golf course and safety issues of having disc golf too close to playground. A playground sub-committee to be established to move forward on expansion.

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- 5.3 Additional entities at town beach discussed: Sport courts, Bath house, Baseball field, Disc golf
 - Commission/Select Board court philosophy is for short term expenditure to avoid long term expenses. A long-term capital fund was established to build funds to eventually replace courts. The courts were resurfaced eight years ago. A curtain drain has been installed three times. The courts are cracked but not buckling. The cost to repair cracking on courts is \$1,200. Discussion included need to create master plan for sport courts.
 - Bathhouse to stay in current location due to hook up to electricity and access to well. Survey results showed the condition of bathhouse to be fair.
 - Baseball field was utilized historically by Little League but is not being currently used. Brief discussion of possible pavilion/event space, though low priority.
 - Disc golf course to potentially be reconfigured due to possible parking lot and playground expansion.
- 5.4 A financial request from the Recreation Commission was made by Abbie Foulk, via email, for community recycling/compost bins. The bin usage will be split among the Senior Center, Library, Town Hall and Rec Comm, with each contributing \$124.56. Request was approved.
- 5.5 Recreation Director Review. Chairman reported review went well. Discussion included commission receiving more regular updates from Director and the possibility of Soccer Jamboree manual/protocol to be created.
- 5.6 Rec Chairman and Director wrote Recreation Report for Annual Town Report
- 5.7 The Tiller Family Foundation has offered the town a sizable donation to create a new playground at the Town Beach. Tom and Michelle Tiller to meet with Select Board this week to sign agreement. The Foundation has offered a \$20,000 donation for 2018 and a \$20,000 donation in 2019, with the playground design to be subject to their approval. Discussion included whether Rec Comm can use capital funds towards playground.
- 6.0 Commissioner Comments - none
- 7.0 Next Regular Meeting – not scheduled
- 8.0 Meeting was Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes approval signature:


Bill Fraser-Harris, Chairperson