

## CHARLOTTE RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6:00pm - Charlotte Town Hall - Regular Meeting - Minutes - PAGE ONE

### Call to Order - 6:05pm

Quorum present: Commissioners Bill Fraser-Harris, Greg Smith, Craig Reynolds, Heather Manning, Rodney Centeno, Bill Pence and Judy Hill in attendance. Recreation Director Nicole Conley was in attendance. Nine community members attending, representing two families and one individual.

### 2.0 Adjustments to Agenda

2.1 Parking project discussion and progression will be postponed until completion of Playground project. Town Administrator will postpone site visit until after Town Meeting.

2.2 Interviews scheduled for new Commission Members – Greg Smith to assist with interview.

### 3.0 Public Comments and Communication

3.1 Community member requested clarification on purpose for two-part approach to playground and parking projects. Chair reiterated that Parking Project is complex and multi-faceted and will be addressed after playground project, for which \$40K Donation from Tiller Foundation and \$60K from the Capital Reserve Fund has already been earmarked.

### 4.0 01/03/19 Minutes presented and unanimously approved

### 5.0 Discussion/Action Items

#### 5.1 Playground – Discussion and Update from February 12 Meeting

1. Justin Mansfield of Pettinelli and Associates presented two budget-minded renderings of two playground design ideas incorporating unique playground structures intended to be used by wide range of ages and accessibility needs.

2. Other design considerations:

- \* Child development trends in play spaces
- \* Ground cover options meeting 8' Fall Rating regulations (gravel, sand, pea stone, crushed stone, wood chips, artificial turf, formed rubber pads)
- \* Incorporation of sound elements
- \* Color palate for structures

3. Chair Bill Fraser-Harris opened floor to public comments which included:

- \* Suggestion that the construction phase be completed early in the season so that the playground can be enjoyed for more of the warm spring/summer/fall months.
- \* That rope/cable structures are fun and could be incorporated
- \* That the playground not simply copy elements found elsewhere in and around Charlotte
- \* That the baseball field be repurposed for other recreational activities
- \* That a bicycle feature (pump track) be considered
- \* That a 'skate park' be considered

*Commission welcomes rfp's from community members present for either/both of the two items above.*

#### 5.2 Parking at the Beach – Discussion and Progression

#### 5.3 Ice Rink Update

1. Weather related closure will occur the week of March 11.

It was acknowledged that the town's rink provides important outdoor, happy entertainment for youth and the community at large. (Thank you to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who have maintained the rink through the winter months.

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**5.4 Recreation Director Update – Nicole Conley**

1. Town documents were provided by Town Administrator Dean Bloch that demonstrate the beach is not intended to be used for commercial purposes.
2. Applications are available and being received for Summer 2019 beach attendants. Seeking six beach attendants, mix of high school and college age candidates due to academic calendar, at \$10.78/hr. Jobs to be posted to PV Forum and Charlotte News.
3. 750 Beach Passes are printed for the season.
4. Availability of some school spaces (gym, multipurpose room, fields) may be impacted by School Consolidation as soon as July 1, 2019. Summer Camps are on hold while plans reviewed for repair of grounds. Town Clerk and Town Administrator researching documents that better clarify relationship between Charlotte Central School and Charlotte Recreation. Recreation Director to meet with CCS Principal to discuss use of school grounds and resources.
5. Lacrosse program will partner with neighboring towns to field a team this Spring.
6. Recreation budget is on target to date. Pending passage of budget in April, new Recreation Software will be launched.
7. Next Steps in Playground Project
  - a. Recreation Director drafts RFP including all project details
  - b. Playground design and installation out to bid
  - c. Open for three weeks
  - d. Sealed bids to Selectboard by predetermined date
  - e. Determine construction schedule
  - f. Community construction volunteers sought for installation date
8. Moved and Seconded: That the project be put out to bid based on first iteration of design provided by Pettinelli and Associates.

**5.5 Beach Attendant Hut – Plan to Finish**

1. Hut will be painted Martha's Vineyard Gray with White Trim by volunteers.

**6.0 Commissioners Comments/Any Other Business**

- 6.1 Greg Smith updated Commission on Pickleball attendance: 18 at recent Pickleball night at CCS.
- 6.2 Rodney Centeno notified Commission of intention to resign at end of two year commitment. Conveyed gratitude to town and fellow commissioners for opportunity to serve on Recreation Commission.

**7.0 Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 2**

**8.0 Meeting Adjourned at approx. 7:50pm**

Minutes approval signature:

 4/2/19  
Bill Fraser-Harris, Chairperson