

**\*Subject to Approval\***  
**Beach and Recreation Commission**

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Location: Madison Senior Center Conference Room

Members Present: Mary Pat Nardino, Vince Dussich, John Konstantino, Ed O'Malley  
Others Present: Bruce Wilson (Beach & Rec Liaison), Austin Hall (Beach & Rec Director), Ted Rahmann (Bauer Park Committee)

Meeting Called to order 7:00 pm by Mary Pat Nardino.

- I. Approval of November Minutes: Mary Pat made a motion to approve the November minutes, John seconded. All members present were in favor.
- II. Public Comments: None
- III. Chair's comments: None
- IV. Old Business: None
- V. New Business
  - A. Discuss and take action on the 2023 Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Record Keeper
    1. Motion by Vince and seconded by John to nominate Mary Pat to be Chair.
    2. Motion by Mary Pat and seconded by John to nominate Vince to be Vice Chair.
    3. Motion by Mary Pat and seconded by Vince to nominate John to be Record Keeper,
    4. Vote: The motions were approved unanimously.
  - B. Directors Report
    1. Program Updates
      - a) Ski bus and winter programs up and running.
      - b) Summer program registrations are beginning to be posted.
      - c) Beach passes for summer 2023 have been ordered and sales will begin once they arrive.
      - d) Summer staffing has begun with commitments for much of the staff returning. Most of the seasonal supervisory and lifeguard staff have committed to return for the summer of 2023.
    2. Academy Community Center Update
      - a) Survey results completed, 2049 unique respondents.
      - b) Building committee is using surveys to inform what activities will be available at the community center.
      - c) Focus groups are being held to gather important information on details of requirements from each group (theater, cooking, visual arts, music, etc)
      - d) Project architect has been selected and is going to the Board of Selectmen for approval.
    3. Incidents
    4. Bauer park's lower parking lot had damage due to reckless driving. A gate has been installed and locked for the winter to prevent access.
    5. Project Updates
      - a) Surf Club Playground: Discussion of design and color scheme of new Surf Club Playground: Funds for new playground equipment at the Surf Club have been secured through the ARP funding. Austin has been working with the state approved contractor on the design of the equipment. The color palette has been selected to blend in with surroundings: brown, green and sand colors. Feedback for the design of the project has been solicited and incorporated from the users of the

current playground and from Frank Henderson (Principal of Brown Intermediate School). The new playground equipment will be manufactured of hardware appropriate for the salt air exposure and a preventative maintenance schedule will be put in place to extend the usable lifetime of the equipment.

Moved by Mary Pat and seconded by Ed to approve the color scheme and design as presented.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

- b) Damage from the 12/5/2022 storm at the Surf Club has been repaired. The storm caused erosion from behind the seawall due to unusually high water and wave action. The area was repaired with stones from the department of public works and heavy duty fabric to prevent erosion. Garvin Point construction work is scheduled for after Labor Day, 2023.
- c) Salt Meadow Dog Park has been approved by planning and zoning. Fencing, plantings and signage will be ordered and installed this spring with an opening expected in May 2023. Discussed possibility of having a grand opening event with a dog expo. There will be a learning curve for the users as they adapt to basic dog park rules and will hopefully cut down on dogs being let loose on the playing fields at Salt Meadow.
- d) Town Campus Gym Flooring– floor was damaged in previous flood and has continued to degrade with gaps between floor and subfloor causing soft spots in the playing surfaces. Austin is working with vendors to get quotes on options for repair. The options are to replace the flooring or to attempt to secure the floor back in place. The work can't be done in the summer when the gym isn't being used because there isn't air conditioning and the adhesives won't work with summer humidity. Once options are determined a plan will be made to get work funded and completed.

## VI. Public Comments

### A. Bauer Park update provided by Ted Rahmann:

- 1. Mad4Trees is going to do another tree giveaway at Bauer on 4/1/2023 following the popularity of the fall program.
- 2. Fruit trees are being planted along Copse and within the park. The farm formerly had a considerable number of fruit trees when it was an active farm.
- 3. Community Garden applications are open for the 200 plots.

### B. Bruce Wilson provided some recommendations from the Board of Selectmen.

- 1. He asked that we consider future use for the property that Ryerson School occupies. Once the school closes and is demolished, the land will revert back to town property and Beach & Rec use. He suggested that we consider adding community gardens and pickleball as options that would be closer to the north Madison community. They're reasonable to install and maintain and have been very popular with the community.
- 2. Bruce recommended that Beach & Rec plan for taking over the maintenance of Rockland Park from the volunteers. Many trees have gone down this winter and have needed to be removed. Austin stated that he has been working with the Rockland committee and has sent B&R workers to clear trails as directed.

## VII. Motion by Vince and seconded by Ed to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Konstantino