

Subject to Approval

Agenda Beach and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

7:00pm

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)

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

- I. Approval of February Minutes: Vince made a motion to approve the February minutes, Ed seconded. All members present were in favor.
- II. Public Comments: Bruce Wilson spoke of a mountain biking event that was held in Vermont that he thought could be replicated at Rockland Park. Members thought it would be a good showcase for our outstanding mountain biking trails at Rockland. Some planning would need to be taken for parking as lot space was limited. Austin is going to work with the Rockland Park Committee to advance the idea.
- III. Chair's comments: New Beach and Rec Committee member Randy Howe will be seated and attending future meetings starting in March.
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - A. Directors Report
 - Program Updates
 - Summer Programs are online and filling up
 - New offerings for camps include Robotics, Culinary Classes and Friday Night HS Hoops at Surf Club
 - A year round field hockey program is being offered in town starting this spring and will be using Surf Club fields to train their young athletes.
 - Project Updates
 - Town Campus Tennis Courts: courts will be closed for a week and repairs will be made to fill cracks, repaint and reline using ARPA funds. This will be completed prior to June and should keep the courts in playing condition until a full renovation is done.
 - Surf Club Playground: the new playground was approved and ordered with installation prior to 5/1/2023. A grand opening will be planned.
 - Dog Park: All materials have been ordered and the park will be opened in May 2023, a grand opening celebration will be held.
 - Golf Cart: a 6 passenger road rated golf cart has been purchased for B&R use. It will be used to shuttle employees to East and West Wharf from Surf Club and

to assist disabled visitors access the beaches from parking areas at the Surf Club.

- Town Campus Basketball Half Court Hoops: the 4 side hoops and stanchions at the gym are on order and will be replaced. They are at the end of their life cycle and one of them is damaged.
- Nelson Field Lighting: the Board of Selectmen approved the project to install lighting at Nelson Field. The installation is planned for next winter, beginning after Thanksgiving to avoid any construction when fields are in use.
- Town Campus Gym has some issues with air pockets under the floor. Vendors are being interviewed and a plan will be made for repairs once the best course of action is identified.
- Town Campus Fitness Room: Madison Beach Hotel has done some updates and has donated fitness equipment for the town's fitness room. Feedback has been very positive from the gym users.
- Surf Club: the bathroom floors at the surf club are being repainted this spring prior to opening. Additionally Orlando and Son Painting, a Madison contractor, will powerwash the entire Surf Club building and deck as a donation. Thanks to Orlando and Son Painting!
- Salt Meadow, Exchange and Bauer parking areas are all being regraded this winter. The town has access to a road grader and it makes a big difference in the quality of the parking areas.
- Horse Pond has a town furnished light on the parking and skating area. The light isn't working and parts are on order to repair it. Some discussion was held regarding who is responsible for Horse Pond and skating areas.
- Exchange Field: the field will be closed from July 2023 until August 2024 for renovation. Youth sports will be moved to other town facilities as best as possible. DHHS is allowing Madison Youth Soccer to use the high school facilities for their annual tournament in September 2023.
- Summer 2023 Update: Austin provided a summer season update with season dates and staffing schedules. Beach passes will be required on weekends beginning 5/27 and daily from 6/19 through Labor Day weekend. Summer staffing is well underway and the key employees are returning from last summer. Beach passes are enroute from the vendor and will go on sale as soon as they are delivered to the B&R offices.
- Academy Community Center Update: Academy facilities and advisory committees have conducted interviews with various groups. Recommendations have been made to the architecture firm regarding suggested activities and requirements to accommodate them.
- Incidents: there was profane graffiti on the boardwalk by Tuxis pond. Austin was able to remove it as soon as it was reported. One of the seating benches was also thrown into the pond and had to be retrieved. All the benches will be bolted down to the decking once the water level drops. A Big Belly garbage can will be moved from town and installed on the boardwalk to help alleviate littering.

VI. Public Comments: none.

VII. Adjournment: Vince made motion to adjourn, Ed seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Konstantino