

**MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING – January 19, 2021**

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, by Zoom Video Conferencing.

Commission Members Present on Zoom Meeting: John Langmaid, Jessica Wallace, Corey Turner and Ellen Saunig

Commission Members Absent: Mario DiLoreto and Yola Rondinelli

Others Present on Zoom Meeting: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the December 21, 2020 regular meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Committee Reports:

There were no Committee Reports.

4. Director's Report:

- MyRec Registration Software Update: Lisa Zerio stated that residents are being encouraged to set up their household account in our new MyRec system prior to our spring registration, which will begin on February 17th. To date we have 345 households that have updated their household accounts. We have 3,100 active households in our current database.
- Splash Pad Update: Lisa Zerio stated that the equipment has been shipped and should be arriving soon. Vortex is finalizing plumbing and electrical designs. BSC and Town staff are working on the bid proposal package.

5. Old Business:

- Status Update on Programs Due to Covid-19:

Lisa Zerio stated that the Town has a priority to keep people safe and ensure that the programs provided are following current safety guidelines as set forth by the Department of Public Health, Department of Economic Community Development, as well as, following the recommendations from our local health department. Current guidelines concerning pool use are as follows: one person per lane with one instructor for swim lessons; and four per lane for swim team. Once pool use is approved, staff will continue to review current guidelines and plan all programs within those guidelines for maximum safety, as well as, fiscal responsibility.

- Upcoming Special Events/Programs:

Staff have been working diligently to continue to be creative and provide programs during this pandemic:

- Valentine Cookie Kits: ShopRite donated cookie kits for our department to sell for families to make at home. These cookie kits contain five sugar cookies, frosting and sprinkles. To date we have sold 53 cookie kits. Jessica Wallace asked if the kits were packaged so they could be purchased for a classroom.
- Virtual Bingo: Virtual Bingo will take place on February 13th and we have 300 registered to date.
- Passport to Parks Program: This will feature a downloadable passport with maps listing locations of parks and facilities throughout town. Stamps will be located in boxes at each location. Completed passports will receive a prize.
- Pop-up Parks: Pop-up Parks are being planned. Town staff will be assigned to a designated park with equipment loaned out to families, as well as, a craft and activity to take place.
- Lawn Sign Program: Town residents can sign up to have a “Congratulations” or “Happy Birthday” signs placed on their property for the day for \$25.00. Proceeds will go to a Parks & Recreation camp program.
- EGG-cellent Story Stroll: Egg-cellent Story Stroll is set for March 24, 2021. The Spooky Story Stroll was very successful and received great feedback especially during Covid-19.
- Friday Night Club: Will continue to be a mix of in-person and virtual.
- Gymnastics: Gymnastics lessons and team are on-going.
- After-school Art Programs
- After-School Cooking Programs
- Passport to Health Fair: The fair was postponed and is being rescheduled for September 22, 2021.
- Archery: L.L. Bean will be providing Archery lessons this spring.
- Corn-hole: Town staff are researching possible Corn-hole leagues.
- Fishing Derby: Town staff are looking into changing the location of the Fishing Derby from J.B. Williams Park to Eastbury Pond, which would allow participants the ability to spread out more efficiently so as to follow Covid-19 safety guidelines.
- Open Volleyball: Town staff are organizing outdoor programs at J.B. Williams Park and High Street.
- Basketball League: Planning a possible outdoor basketball league depending on the Department of Public Health’s Covid-19 safety guidelines.
- Softball League: Softball League is scheduled to start this spring.

- Budget FY 21-22:

Lisa Zerio stated that the CIP meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021. Park and Recreation's proposed CIP requests include Tree Management, Addison Park renovations, and Pickleball. John Langmaid asked if there was consideration for Grange Pool accessibility improvements. Lisa Zerio responded that there is a request for future funding in the 2023 estimated capital costs. The General Fund budget proposal is still being finalized.

6. New Business:

- Riverfront Park Skating: John Langmaid asked for this to be on the agenda because the skating rink has been frequently vandalized with logs, sticks, picnic tables and litter. Lisa Zerio suggested doing a Facebook social media campaign by displaying pictures of what has been occurring and how this creates a safety hazard.

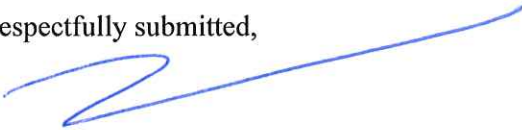
7. Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission:

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Zerio
Director of Parks & Recreation