

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
March 8th, 2024

Meeting called to order by Chairmen Mead at 4:58 pm. In attendance: Doug Mead, Casey Fallon, Wendy Reed, Select Board Representative; and Angus Jennings, Town Manager. Absent Wendy Willis.

Motion made by Mead to waive reading of 2/20/2024 meeting minutes and to approve minutes as recorded. Seconded by Fallon. Approved unanimously.

Tails for the Trails had a special permit request that was added to the agenda. Reed voiced that SPR require Select Board approval. Discussion about the event was still heard. Mead made a motion to support Tails for the Trails which Fallon seconded and was approved unanimously.

The Solar Eclipse Viewing Event also had their special permit request added to the agenda. Discussion about parking and port a potty's was had. Mead to contact DPW to see if port-a-potty's will be on site given the time of the year and usual practices that occur at Pipestave. It is known a police detail will be there to help facilitate crossing 113 and safety. Again this is a special permit request; therefore, Select Board has final say. Mead made a motion to support viewing event; seconded by Fallon; passed unanimously.

Discussion was had about the myRec split. It was suggested by Mead that the Commission have final say over how the split is assessed rather than just the Chair. Town Manager suggested a 50%, 25%, 25% split amongst the summer rec program, Parks and Rec, and the Town respectively. Mead made a motion to approve the split for the myRec annual invoice with Parks and Rec's share being 25% at \$823.75. Fallon seconded; unanimously approved.

Discussion was had about Parks and Rec's operating budget. Mead expressed concerns about the diamond maintenance not being funded enough after having Oasis look at the fields to draw up a quote for their annual maintenance they do. Jennings brought up that the revolving fund for Parks and Rec needs to be spent down to \$10,000 annually or the surplus goes to Free Cash. It was noted that the revolving fund has moneys to cover the additional costs Oasis mentioned in their quote with regards to base setting, and other maintenance concerns. Ultimately it was agreed upon that the proposed operating budget of \$17,231.88 will more than suffice. Mead made a motion to approve the proposed budget with Fallon seconding. Approved unanimously. Any additional diamond maintenance costs will come out of revolving fund.

SAGE Center's COA Pickleball programming discussion was tabled due to lack of quorum with Mead needing to recuse himself, and Willis' absence. Jennings and Reed agreed it needed to be tabled and discussed at a future Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40