

## Easthampton Parks and Rec. Commission Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2022

This meeting was held on remote Zoom due to Covid-19.

The meeting called to order by Paul St. Pierre at 6:06pm, Paul reviewed COVID meeting protocols.

Also present: Bob Biardi, Andy Hunter, Jason Tirell, Jim Ramsey, and Eric Poulin. Director John Mason represented the department. Absent: Brian Hiltbold.

Meeting Minutes, November 15<sup>th</sup> approved. Motion Eric P., 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason T. Unanimous with one abstention. Minutes for August 22<sup>nd</sup> approved. Unanimous with two abstentions.

### Agenda

- Public Speak
- Election of Officers
- Policy and Fees 2022
- Programming
- CPA Projects - Update
- Budget FY2022
- Park Facilities
- Old & Continuing Business

### Public Speak – None

**Election of Officers:** There was an election of officers. Paul to remain as Chair with Eric Vice Chair and Andy as Secretary. Andy will also remain as CPA Representative.

**Policies and Fees 2022:** Updates were reviewed and major changes involved fee increase for field usage and adjustments to better cover expenses. A new goal is to make Millside Park more business friendly. The Park is planning to return to normal operations. An additional discussion ensued regarding the use of park monies being used in the park instead of being given to the General Fund. The General Fund has been receiving those since 1991. A field usage deposit was proposed and accepted. Motion Paul S., 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason T., the vote was unanimous.

**Programming:** EBA has started with no fans with no spectators until 1/26 will be revisited by the school department. They are using the new school for games. Public Skate has started again on Sundays and will continue until the end of February. The Department has issued Skating Safety Rules due to some concerns. Summer job posting including Lifeguards will be going out the week before February vacation. The same rules regarding Lifeguard Reimbursement will apply. Work continues on Camp Registrations. COED Softball information is going out for spring and summer leagues.

**CPA Projects:** The projects submitted to the CPA were approved by the city council. Things have moved slow due to the holidays, John is planning to have updates by the March meeting.

**Budget FY2022:** No major expenses. Winter equipment maintenance is on-going.

**Park Facilities:** The park was able to secure some equipment for the camp and pavilions from White Brook Middle School prior to extra equipment being put into storage. There is a working group in the New-City Area looking at improvements in that part of the city. Some of which may fall under the park. John has joined the group. Plain and Strong Street Park is being reviewed for improvements.

**Old & Continuing Business:** John reviewed the state budget process. The mayor is waiting for the state to issue the paperwork. She was expecting to have it already. Budgets are normally finalized in February. Our next meeting will be dictated by when the budget is due.

**Next Meeting** will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm. Motion Jim R., 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason T. Vote – Unanimous.

Submitted for review,  
Andy Hunter