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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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Commission Members Present: Kevin Turner, Chair, Joe O'Brien, Vice Chair, Renee Dowling, Richard Sawyer, Kathy Pina and Rene King

Also Present: Debra Dagwan, Town Council Liaison, Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services, and Joe Izzo, General Manager HYCC

The meeting was called to order at 5:30, all commissioners present introduced themselves. Motion made by Richard Sawyer to accept the minutes for January and February as submitted, Renee Dowling seconded the motion with the amendment that her name be corrected for the January minutes. **VOTE - ALL IN FAVOR**

Public Comment - Little Free Library at Dowses Bathing Beach, Cyndy Cotton, Executive Director Osterville Village Library - Handout (Exhibit A) Cyndy Cotton presented the following:

[What is a Little Free Library and what's so special about it?](#)

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share.

Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; Little Libraries have been called "mini-town squares."

[How did this get started and is Little Free Library a registered nonprofit organization?](#)

Yes, Little Free Library is a registered nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world.

[How many Little Free Libraries are there?](#)

As of November 2016, there are over 50,000 registered Little Free Library book exchanges in all 50 U.S. states and over 70 countries around the world.

[Can anyone give or take books from any Little Free Library? Do I have to return the exact book I take?](#)

Yes, anyone may contribute or take books. The more the merrier! If you take a book (or two) from a Library, you do not need to return that exact book. However, in order to keep the Little Library full of good choices for the whole neighborhood, the next time you swing by the Library bring a few books to share. Little Library book exchanges function on the honor system; everyone contributes to ensure there are always quality books inside. This way, we all win!

Discussion followed. The entire Commission really likes the idea. Joe O'Brien made a motion to back the proposal for a Little Free Library to be at Dowses. Kathy Pina seconded. **VOTE - ALL IN FAVOR**

Pickleball Facility Request, Bill Dado – Handout (Exhibit B) Bill presented a video showing people playing pickleball. Then presented the following: Pickleball is a fun game that is played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Pickleball is one of America's fastest growing sports. A wealth of information about the sport can be found at: www.usapa.org, which is the website for the USA Pickleball Association (brochure included). It is also one of the fastest growing sports for seniors. It is a valuable outlet both physically and socially helping to keep seniors young both in body and mind. Proposal: We propose that a permanent, dedicated pickleball courts be constructed in Barnstable. Discussion followed pertaining to potential locations, how many and to have Bill Dado be involved in the field study as a user. Joe O'Brien made a motion for the Commission to support a minimum of four pickleball courts to be presented for the field study. Renee Dowling seconded. **VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR**

Barnstable Little League Review, Joe Scott, President – Joe stated have been the President the last three years. Have about 450 kids, 50 coaches, 30 umpires, our junior umpire program, 15 person board and many volunteers. We are the biggest on Cape Cod. Things are going good. Sign up is a little slow this year as we are no longer able to send our flyers home through the schools. Discussion followed with suggestions on other ways to increase sign ups. Reviewed **Handout (Exhibit C)**. Joe Scott stated BLL wants a big voice in the upcoming field study; also, would like a real set of bathrooms at the Lorusso Complex. Further discussion followed. Joe O'Brien stated the field study group will be in touch with BLL.

HYCC Staff Report, Joe Izzo – Handout (Exhibit D)

MARCH OUTLOOK

- Lobster Pot Tournament (3/17-3/19)
- Barnstable Youth Basketball Tournament (3/10-3/12)
- Cape and Islands All Star Basketball Game (3/19)
- Spaulding Rehab/Capeable Adventures wheelchair basketball in the gym (March and April)
- Youth Hockey Programs are in playoff mode
 - Barnstable Youth Hockey Association (BYHA)
 - New England Junior Hockey (NEJH)
 - Cape Cod Penguins

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Spring Program Registration has begun (2/28)
 - Basketball / Pickleball / Street Hockey / Teeball / and more
- High School Winter Sports Wrapping Up
 - Hockey (BHS Boys & Girls, SJP Boys, Mashpee/Monomoy Boys)
 - Hosted Girls Varsity Playoff Game - BHS v Weymouth (3/1)
 - Basketball (Sturgis East Boys & Girls, Sturgis West Boys & Girls, SJP Boys & Girls)
 - Hosted Boys Varsity Playoff Game– Sturgis East v Monomoy (3/2)
- Hockey Tournaments
 - Barnstable Youth Hockey "A Invitational Tournament" (2/17-2/19)

- BHS Boys Hockey "Melchiono Showdown" Tournament" (2/22-2/23)
- New England Junior Hurricanes "Hurricanes Invitational Tournament" (2/24-2/26)

LOOKING FORWARD

- Ready, Set, Work! Youth Job Fair (4/12) *Presented by the Barnstable Youth Commission*
- Cape & Islands Job Fair 2017 (5/1) *Presented by Cape Cod Media Group*
- Festival of Museums (5/6) *Presented by First Citizens Federal Credit Union*

FACILITY OPERATIONS

I want to thank the Town of Barnstable DPW and their contractors for their work plowing during our winter storm season. The contractors did a wonderful job keeping the lots clean and our Maintenance Department did a great job on the walkways which allowed us to serve the many groups who call the HYCC home this winter.

Staff Report, Patti Machado – Handout (Exhibit E)

A. Administration

- Convenience Fee to use credit cards – *VOTE Renee Dowling made a motion to start accepting credit cards; Joe O'Brien seconded. **VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR***
- MRPA Conference: March 13-15

B. Recreation Programs

- Spring Programs Brochure (attached)
 - Registration began February 28th (On-line)
- Summer Leisure Program Registration
 - Registration begins March 21st (On-line) *Patti stated sign up early, camps fill quickly and we are unable to expand.*
 - Applications for Councilors (accepting)

C. Aquatics

- Pilot Program with YMCA of Cape Cod (attached)
- Applications and Information is on Website
 - Accepting applications and Sign-ups for Tryouts for LG-Patti *stated April 1st and May 6th dates for tryouts.*

D. Facilities

- McBarron-cleaning and cutting brush back
- Tennis Courts update-nets are not up yet, but some are still playing tennis; *have had issues with street hockey being played on the courts*
- Kalmus Parking lot – last week in March (weather permitting)
- Osterville Bay-having a meeting coming up to see where we are going and what is going to be done

E. Youth Commission – Carrie Osborn

- Youth Summit – March 16th Community Substance Abuse Prevention Forum-*invite you all to attend. Chris Herren is our speaker and he will be sharing his recovery story, the Lorusso Foundation paid for this and it is open to the public. Child care is also being provided*

a. Grant

- Lyndon Lorusso Foundation \$15, 000
- JFK Memorial Trust Fund - \$2500
- Barnstable Policeman' Association - \$500

- Barnstable Police – Officers Ass. -\$250
- W Barnstable Fire – Donated shirts for prizes

Joe O'Brien congratulated Patti on the Peter O'Brien Humanitarian Award that you will receive at the MRPA conference, it is well deserved. All Commissioners agreed and a round of applause was given. Patti Machado stated highest honor in the state as a Recreation leader. Humbled to receive, I work hard but it takes the whole community.

Liaison's Report – Richard Sawyer stated the CPA had three items on the agenda. First a letter of intent from the Hyannis Athletic Association requested \$300,000 for their phase capital improvement project at McKeon Park, it was passed. Second item was Barnstable Land Trust's letter of intent for \$175,000 for a 3.47 acre parcel of land that is a vital link for the Cape Cod Pathway system, it was passed. The third item was from the TOB DPW Department for the Town Manager requesting 2.9 million dollars for all aspects and phases for the Osterville Bay project, they were moved forward as the CPA feels it is a lot of money and we need more information. Joe O'Brien stated the company Weston and Sampson out of Boston has been chosen for the land study. Kathy Pina read the email regarding Osterville Bay that she sent to the Commissioner's: *"The latest word on the Bay School is that the DPW is going to have bids back for the demolition by mid-April. This would allow the demo to take place in April/May, prior to the summer season, if all goes according to plan. Money for demo is already allocated in the 2017 budget."*

Matter's Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair – None

New Business – Cotuit Kettleers for Aprils agenda; Richard Sawyer asked about youth alternates for the Commission, Kevin Turner will follow up

Motion made by Richard Sawyer to adjourn Joe O'Brien second; **VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR.**

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

**Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 On-Demand at

<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us>

Respectfully submitted by **Michele Arigo**, Recreation Division

Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Material Dated	Meeting Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit
3/6/17	NA	3/6/17	Cyndy Cotton	RC	Little Library	A
3/6/17	NA	3/6/17	Bill Dado	RC	Pickleball	B
3/6/17	NA	3/6/17	Joe Scott	RC	BBL Flyer	C
3/6/17	3/6/17	3/6/17	Joe Izzo	RC	Staff Report	D
3/6/17	3/6/17	3/6/17	Patti Machado	RC	Staff Report	E