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**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
April 6, 2021
Approved on Sept, 7, 2021**

In attendance: Tracey Cammarano (TC), Gary Maggiolino (GM), Mark Awdycki (MA), Scott Charpentier (SC), and Allie Lane (AL).

7:00pm: Meeting called to order

The “Acting” Chair TC opened the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00pm and made the announcement that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 20A, S18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, that the meeting of the Northborough Open Space Committee is being conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Public comment will be taken tonight. The process was explained. Member and Staff roll call was taken Tracey Cammarano, Gary Maggiolino, Mark Awdycki, Scott Charpentier and Allie Lane.

7:02pm—Assabet Playground Construction Project was introduced.

SC discussed the that the Assabet Park playground was approved at Town Meeting in 2020 to remove the existing playground and basketball court in order to build a new ADA accessible playground. The Town has hired Weston and Sampson to provide Landscape Architectural services. The project is partially funded by free cash and partially funded by CPC. AL talked about the playgrounds age target being from 2 – 7. We will be keeping it at that age group target. Which is one of the reasons we took the basketball court out. We want the whole area to be focused on the ages of 2 – 7. We created a focus group of parents intown that have children that fall in the ages of 2 – 7 to help with the design of the new playground. We meet with them and the LA to go over the project. The LA from Weston and Sampson, Mike Easler, Jeannette Cantu and Amanda Gaal presented the new design for the playground. See zoom video for presentation. TC opened the meeting to public comment. There was no public comment.

7:25pm: February 2021 Minutes Approved.

Gary Maggiolino (GM) made a motion to approve minutes from Feb. 2021. Mark Awdycki (MA) seconded, all in favor.

7:27pm—Recreation Report by Allison Lane (AL).

(AL): Heidi Stapleton accepted and offer for the Admin Assistant position. She will be starting on April 26th. We have a lot of programs for Spring and summer. They are almost all full. Really good feedback from parents. Almost all programming is outdoors. We are working with the BOH to follow all the state guidelines. TC: Have you had to reduce class size due to COVID? AL: Yes, we have. Rec programs need to be 6 feet apart. The guidelines keep changing so we are keeping everything updated. MA: If the guidelines change you can you bring in more kids? AL: Yes, we can, but we might not just so we

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stay safe. We only have enough space at the schools. We normally take 140 kids/week for camp, but we are only taking 90 this year.

Spring field rentals are in full swing. The fields open this weekend. The ground is dry and ready to be open. GM: Is there a timetable for opening the Rec center in the town hall?

SC: We must wait until we have a safe way to interact with the population. That will not happen until we modify the Town Hall. Late May early June is what we are hoping to do. Pickleball is looking to get in too.

7:35pm—DPW Report by Scott Charpentier (SC)

Changes are being implemented related to COVID. We have procured message centers for the public parks. This way we can post COVID regulations. We have been printing signs and by the time they are made the guidelines have changed. This way the youth groups and the town can use them. They are 4 ft by 3.5 feet large. They are 2 sided. It is an asset for the groups and Recreation. We replaced some light bulbs at Casey. Starting to clean and get ready for Spring.

AL: Scott is hiring for summer help. SC: Yes, we need help for the summer.

7:39pm—New Business.

None

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None

7:40pm - Meeting adjured

Next meeting May 4th at 7pm