

The minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

**Roll Call:**

Present: Nancy Roberts, Dan Reynolds, Kevin McLoughlin, Don LePage, Mark Manolakis, Tom Kaye, Donna Prather (Recreation Director)

Absent: Erin Bailey

Minutes of the August 30, 2021, meeting were approved as submitted

**Guest:** Jeff Morneau presented his project of building a Ball Wall at the high school. The commission supported his project but directed him to the Superintendent and School Committee because it would be on school property

**Director's Report:**

- \*There are 700 participants in fall sports and activities
- \*Joe Carnevale has been hired as a Recreation Department Assistant
- \*The soccer board needs help in reorganization
- \*The new running program is up and running
- \*Mike Gaudette submitted his resignation from the Recreation Commission on September 3, 2021
- \*The proper channels for a grievance need to be reviewed with the sports associations

**Sports Association Reports**

**Baseball (Kevin McLoughlin)**

- \*Evaluations are underway
- \*The association has a balance of \$14,000 in their account from fundraising
- \*The team that participated in the Cal Ripken tournament in South Carolina represented East Longmeadow well

**Basketball (Don LePage)**

- \*Association is waiting to hear from the school on availability of gyms before moving forward with planning the season

**Football /Cheerleading (Tom Kaye)**

- \*Football and cheerleading are now working as a joint association

## **Swimming (Nancy Roberts)**

\*Marlins had 115 swimmers at evaluations

Kevin McLoughlin reported that all fields in town will be worked on by October 16<sup>th</sup>. He is asking for a plan to keep them in good condition after the work.

## **New Business**

\*Tom Kaye suggested the Recreation Commission focus of four items with liaisons as follows:

- \*Sports Associations (Tom Kaye)
- \*Fields and Facilities (Kevin McLoughlin)
- \*CPC advocate for recreation (Dan Reynolds)
- \*Elf Foundation (Mark Manolakis, Don LePage)

\*Amendment of Bylaws

A motion was made by Nancy Roberts and seconded by Don Lepage that stated "The membership of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission should be seven voting members with no alternatives. A quorum would consist of at least six members."

After discussion, the motion was amended to read "Article 3 Section 1 under Membership, "The membership of the Commission shall be (7) voting members with (2) alternates. Alternates will have voting powers if acting in the absence of a member. A quorum of (4) is needed." Passed 5-0

A motion was made by Mark Manolakis and seconded by Tom Kaye to amend Article 4 Section 1 that stated, "Regular meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday and additional meeting to be posted for anytime in the month for an emergency purpose." No discussion / Passed 5-0

A motion was made by Mark Manolakis and seconded by Tom Kaye to change the wording in Article 3 Section 5 to read, "Absence, without prior acceptable reason, will be handled in the following manner

Three consecutive meetings will require the Chair to speak, verbally, with the person who is in violation and a written notice will be sent to the Town Manager. More than two notices in a calendar year will lead to termination.

If , by the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) consecutive meeting, no word has been received, then, the

Commission can recommend to the Town Manager that the said person be relieved from his or her duties.” No discussion / Passed 5-0

**Agenda Items**

Invite members of the sports association to attend our next meeting

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 6:00 in the ELCAT media room at 130 Maple St

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM