

**Columbia Recreation Commission**

**September 5, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

**Recreation Department Office**

**323 Route 87 Columbia, CT 06237**

**Kelly DeForest, Nikki Keldsen, Brian Pederson, Cindy Postemski, Marc Volza, Brighton Leonard  
(Eastern Intern)**

**Call to Order 1811**

- Audience of Citizens-none present

**Old Business**

- Approval of Minutes 4/4: **Motion to approve by Brian Pederson, second by Kelly DeForest; approved unanimously**
  - Master Plan Update
    - Softball Update-on schedule to be used for Spring 2020; “opening day” ceremony for first game to be planned. Plan to submit to BOS signage for field prior to dedication. Scoreboard dedication -Lester family; Marc to f/u with Lester family to review
    - Road Update-Planned road denied due to height/proximity to above power lines. Options to meet Eversource safety guidelines included moving the road or digging down to drop height of road-power lines. Digging down not feasible due to water table/road erosion. New road by Anchor engineering submitted to Eversource 8/2019
    - Basketball/Tennis Court Update w/picture of new plan-Constantine Paving and Sealing contracted to wash and reseal the tennis court as well as resurface the basketball court. Delayed due to Eversource setback (was due to start 9/2019) New basketball court will be same footprint with 2 hoops (lower hoops being removed due to concerns over long-term durability and availability at HWP). New location will require a fence due to proximity to new road. Discussion about ?pickle ball line painting if feasible; Marc Volza to inquire
- Need to assess if existing tennis court is dedicated to anyone currently in anticipation of future possible dedication

**New Business**

- Playground Equipment
  - 4 group units ADA accessible-Creative Recreation installing 4 additional ADA playscape including a sensory tri-fold “wall”
  - Replace swings-upgrading
- Basketball Fees-custodians cleaning on Sundays this season; K-2 no change to fees, 3-8 increasing by \$5; review done of surrounding towns by Rec Director-Columbia is at or below other areas comparing # of games
- New Sign at Town Beach-reviewed potential rendering; still in progress
- Beach Passes for Non-Residents-proposal requested of Rec Director to research surrounding town/beaches non-resident passes/cost and discuss with Commission re: non-resident

**Rec Director’s Report**

- Program Updates

**Open Discussion-** Kelly DeForest brought to Rec Commission residents questioning request for information about cost of malpractice for beach with vs without lifeguards. Per Marc Volza any requests should be emailed to him directly

**Non-resident Beach Pass discussion initiated by Mr Volza**

**Kelly DeForest on record against day passes for non-residents citing increased potential for invasive species, exposure to after hours traffic when we already have vandalism reported after hours at the beach**

**Nikki Keldsen on record not in favor of attempting to increase revenue off of beach passes for non-residents**

**Concerns re: parking which is already “tight” voiced by Nikki Keldsen and seconded by Kelly DeForest. Parking concerns also voiced by Cindy Postemski**

**Suggestion to drop 62+ non-resident to \$150 by Brian Pederson**

**Suggestion that existing vandalism after hours at the beach be monitored with battery operated motion activated infra-red camera by Kelly DeForest (Amazon \$42-\$90 on Amazon)**

**Brian suggested polling non-residents in upcoming year if they call requesting pass information; Kelly DeForest stated that even if data suggests need is high it still doesn't solve the parking issue so suggested that Rec Dept not collect that data due to the parking issue.**

**Brian Pederson made a motion to call for a vote for commission to vote on proposed rate changes for non-resident beach passes**

**Motion failed in a 4-0 vote**

**Adjournment 1952**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly DeForest