

Columbia Recreation Commission

May 7th, 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Jeff Buskey, Kelly DeForest, Nikki Kelsen, Steve Piro, Heather Pekarovic, Cindy Postemski, Tony Tigeleiro, Marc Volza

Call to Order 1802

- Audience of Citizens-none

Old Business

- Approval of Minutes (March 3rd) Cindy P moves to approve , Jeff B seconds; minutes pass.
- Master Plan Update
 - Softball, Road rough grading Public works , fine grading by Art Ogden
 - Basketball court second week of June if budget passes plan is for pickle ball and basketball court to be started at same time

New Business

- Master Plan 2020 Budget Update-
 - 235-100k cut by FiPAC; building maintenance and parking lot cut. Will move forward with pickleball, addition to existing playscape with reduction in plans/budget; pavilion cut but will still hopefully move forward
 - Cindy P asked what % of the 31% budget cut came from Rec; unsure of % but numerous cuts made due to current economic climate
 - Public Works to move from assisting with road project to playscape to help decrease cost
 - Pickleball and basketball court planned and were important to town members as voiced in previous years
 - Reviewed upcoming budget mtg dates
- Beach
 - Marc V spoke on ideas r/t NRPA and CRPA mtgs for beach and safe opening (if at all possible). Life Guards not planned due to rescues/potential CPR and COVID-19 concerns
 - Staff (non-certified) to check # of residents, suggest #'s allowed be followed, markers of some sort on beach, no floating raft initially, Rest Rooms closed initially, additional port-a-potty and hand sanitizing station outdoors planned
 - Jeff B asked if there will be a time limit or sign up list and what plan is for rotating or equal access to beach to families who are interested
 - Questions about data on average # of people at beach; Rec plans to keep tally
 - Steve P asked what is in place if residents refuse mandatory State orders (ie mask wearing, social distancing). Per Marc V suggestions will be made by staff, enforcement still being discussed, goal is relaxed, positive atmosphere,

approach to safe distancing is ongoing and will be revised based on town response and evolving health concerns

- Tony T asked about recourse against repeat offenders or particular residents that refuse to “follow rules” as rules are going to change as conditions evolve
- Kelly D reiterated that transparency about expectations at the lake (so families are not surprised if there are consequences to negative or unsafe actions) would be helpful for planning and knowing “rules” ahead of time
- Nikki K asked for clarification about proposed beach markers; Marc V gave proposed ideas about either cones or sand markers taking in weather, children, rain etc.
- Cindy P discussed a product she saw that marks areas for picnics that may work
- Heather P suggested flexible driveway markers (inexpensive/safe) which commission members agreed was a promising idea
- Nikki K, Kelly D and Jeff B discussed time slots (ie 3 hrs) and then families leave when their time is up if there are families waiting
- Tony T brought up deciding what 5 families would have to leave if 5 are waiting (out of 30) may be problematic
- Steve P asked about staggering days/changing how we as a community show up to the Beach

- Programming Ideas

- Kelly D suggested Zoom or Webex targeted to children while parents work from home (story time/hour, crafts, drawing, simon says etc) as well as adult or older children programming (residents show hobbies or talents). Survey Monkey of town to see what/who would be willing to “host” a class from our community.

- Heather P took over minutes as Kelly D needed to step out of mtg

- Tik Tok challenge
- Boombox Bingo possibly 5/18
- Psych app (Ellen)
- Netflix movies

1849 Kelly D rejoined the mtg and resumed taking minutes

Rec Director’s Report

- Summer Programming Update

- Swim lessons July and August
- Boat licensing end of May
- Holowaty baseball camp June
- Bruce John August
- ? dinner and dip end of July planned
- Car Show in Sept still planned
- Roadrace moved to August; now a trailrace (combined with O2 event productions; joined their event)
- Love of the Game July basketball camp
- Amanda Lester Softball camp July

- Marc V asked opinion if a daycare or camp for May/June would be well attended; concerns voiced by Jeff B, Nikki K that need may not be high especially with restrictions placed on Summer camps/gatherings for children

Open Discussion

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Steve Piro second 1858 adjourned