**MINUTES OF THE RAYNHAM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Regular Monthly Meeting, November 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

**Gymkhana Building, King Phillip St, Raynham, MA**

**In attendance:** Chairman Josh Daisy, Commissioner Chris Shaw, Commissioner Jim Brow, Director Tim McRae, and Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary Samantha Sturtevant.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2nd meeting. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed. Josh made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 6th meeting. Jim seconded and a unanimous vote followed. Josh made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4th meeting. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Josh called for old business.

**Old Business (3):**

1. *McKenney Field*

Tim sent a letter along with some pictures in regards to the McKenney Field fence last week. It was approved for recommendation to go on to Town Meeting to be put to a vote to fix the McKenney Field fence. One more step closer to getting that taken care of and they will go from there.

1. *LaLiberte Childcare License*

Last week the state came to visit the program which went really well. There was one minor compliance issue that they needed to fix which was taken care of the next day. Thanks to Emma and Sam Gullens for taking care of that for the program.

1. *Merrill Playground Slide*

The slide has come in and been replaced. The schools and children are happy with the new slide.

The chairman called for new business.

**New Business (3):**

1. *Eagle Scouts Project*

A few Eagle Scouts have reached out to Tim over the past few weeks. There will be a new horseshoe pit put in across the street to add to the area of games. There will be horseshoe, bocce, etc. There is another gentleman who reached out to Tim who is asking for projects. Tim mentioned that the area next to the Senior Center is beginning to run out of space for activities. Tim asked the commission if they could think of anything that they could assign the Eagle Scouts.

Jim suggested the horse ring fence or the Raynham State Forrest.

Chris said that their supervisors may need to assist with the forest.

Tim said that he will reach out to them and let them know the potential options.

1. *Gymkhana Plaque*

Tim shared a copy of a sample of the Gymkhana Plaque that was recommended by Pat Riley on the October 11th meeting that the commission had attended. They’re asking for the Park and Recreations approval to hang the plaque in the Gymkhana building for the purpose of thanking all of those who helped design and renovate the building.

Josh asked where the plaque would go.

Tim said that it was not specified. It could go in a particular room inside or possibly in the room that will be utilized for Park and Recreation purposes. There are still a few things they need to move over as well for the Park and Recreation department and it was also discussed that the Park and Recreation Commissioners plaque would be brought over to be placed in the building as well.

Jim asked where they will be entering to use the animal shelter.

Tim pointed out the door.

Jim suggested that the plaque go on the entrance door so as not to confuse the Park and Recreation side of the building with the A.C.O. building.

Tim said that they can also put together the Gymkhana Community Building or the Park and Recreation Community building, whatever they may decide on.

Jim said they can table that and give it some thought.

Chris said that they could put it in the main lobby.

Jim mentioned that he thought that the lobby was the Park and Recreation space.

Chris clarified that the lobby is the shared space but the bathroom is not currently shared.

Jim said that the lobby is supposed to be a shared space however, it’s filled with decorations all of which have no relation to Park and Recreation.

Tim said that he is correct.

Chris made a motion to recommend to the Selectman that they purchase the plaque. Jim seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

1. *Lighting at Merrill/LaLiberte Complex*

Tim said that football had reached out to him about two weeks back. They had an opportunity to get some lights put up on a pole for field four and seven to which they got done. They did go about it a different way. T.M.L.P. showed up last Thursday. The project is good and T.M.L.P. is reliable to Tim allowed them to do it. There is going to be a cut off switch so during baseball season, those extra lights will not be turned on. They will be for this time of year. They have playoffs this week and if they move on then they will have the Superbowl the week of Veteran’s Day weekend and the season will come to an end. Tim wanted to thank T.M.L.P and Ryan Schleicher for getting that taken care of.

**Commissioners’ Reports:**

**Chris Shaw:** Chris mentioned that the Commission will be attending the Selectmen’s Meeting to reinforce the Park and Recreations desires in regards to the shared building space in the Gymkhana building. He then asked how the trunk or treat went.

Tim said that it went really well. Approximately 400-500 children attended. Volunteers went through a lot of candy. It was a busy night but the children all had a great time. Heather Nix’s car got the most votes for best theme. It was a lot of fun. Police, fire, and highway all attended. It was a very great turn out.

**Jim Brow:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Josh Daisy:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Staff Reports:**

**Sammi:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Tim reported the following:**

-Tim wanted to thank everybody that participated at the Trunk-Or-Treat. It was a great turn out in numbers even though it was limited just for Kindergarten and Second Grade.

-Tim wanted to also congratulate Mike O’Connell for the bike race on Wednesday October 12th. They did a wonderful job. They had about 250-300 riders. When Tim came in Thursday, everything was clean.

-Tim said the irrigation has been turned off this past week. They are in the clear for the season.

-Basketball sign-ups are underway, especially, for the younger kids. The older kids are starting to come along. After years of no basketball, they are working on building that age gap back up again.

-Tim reached out to Tom who reached out to Liz who is still President of the Monti Foundation about setting up a meeting. If they don’t do it any time soon they can do it around the Holidays.

-The Christmas tree lighting is set for December 3rd. they are going to be using the Gymkhana Building, the gazebo, a bonfire will be going, and they’re hoping for a nice day.

-Tim provided a friendly reminder that the Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 15 at 7:00p.m. at the Raynham Middle School.

-Tim concluded and wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Josh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sammi Sturtevant

Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary