

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
In-Person at Recreation Office, 555 Old Orchard Road
March 16, 2023
5:30pm

Present in Person: Ed Casarella, Christine LaBranche, Kathy Savin, Christine Mickle (Director)

Present on Zoom: N/A

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM.

Motion made by Christine LaBranche to approve January 24, 2023 and February 16, 2023 minutes; Kathy Savin seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Email from Open Space Committee

Reviewed and collaborated. Committee will respond to email

Appointments: N/A

Director's Report:

Programs: After School Program is continuing to go well. Program is full and children on waitlist.

February Rec. Vacation club was a success and kids enjoyed the activities and trips each day. Trips included going to the movies, game truck and karaoke, and roller skating.

Painting Club to begin in March and Gardening Club to begin in April for Elementary school students.

Spring Sports to begin in April – including softball, T-ball, Tots T-Ball, Track & Field. Softball teams may be coed this year – league decision.

Spring Clubs coming up – little bit of a later start due to summer prep happening. Families are enjoying our diverse programs and non-sport clubs – Garden Club will be the new spring club!

New program – Meditation Class will be offered – 3 sessions.

Events Update: Elks Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 8

Earth Day beach clean-up is scheduled for April 22, 2023 with collaboration with other Eastham departments.

4 Eastham teams registered for 3v3 Basketball Tournament

Department Update: Eastham Rec Department will continue to post updates and registration paperwork and deadlines on FB page.

Eastham Rec is actively looking for summer employees and continues to advertise. Attending job fairs in Hyannis and Eastham and one at CCCC. Slowly hearing back from former staff.

Looking to find qualified employees to be able to bring back swim lessons, swim team and lifeguards. Swim lessons and swim team are looking promising – may be structured differently but the goal is to bring them back! Lifeguards are not looking promising though.

Katie and Christine attending annual Mass Rec & Parks Association conference and are excited that this is back in person.

Met with the growers regarding driving on the beach at First Encounter. They were requesting changes to their schedule – allowing them to stay later and also drive on weekends. It was decided that no changes for upcoming summer, need more data before changes are made. And in fairness. Rec programs (Yoga) must be off by 8:30am so keeping it the same for everyone.

Food truck this summer to be stationed three days at First Encounter and two days at Cooks Brook.

Rec Department will have a feature in the upcoming Strategic Plan!

Old Business:

CPC: N/A

Wiley Park: N/A

Field of Dreams: N/A

New Business: N/A

Other Business: N/A

Next meeting is set for April 25, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. Motion made by Ed Casarella; seconded by Kathy Savin.