

**TOWN OF WAYLAND
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 10, 2023, 7:30 p.m.
Wayland Town Building's Select Board Meeting Room
41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, Massachusetts 01778**

Present in person:

Asa B. Foster, David B. Pearlman, Kelly S. Pierce, Thruston "Brud" Wright III, Leanne D. Mason.

Absent: None.

Also present: Recreation Director, Katherine Brenna.

Call to order: At 7:47 p.m., A. Foster called the meeting to order and announced each member present by full name, and that the meeting would be recorded for later broadcast. B. Wright arrived at 8:02 p.m. and D. Pearlman arrived at 8:21 p.m.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Commissioner Reports & Announcements, if any:

- a. From Community Preservation Committee, K Piece, (CPA Funds):** K. Pierce updated the Commission on two warrant articles related to Recreation that would be presented at 2023 Annual Town Meeting. The warrant articles if approved, would appropriate CPA Funds to renovate the Cochituate Ball Park basketball court and the entry way at Town Beach. The Commission discussed the warrant articles.
 - b. From Permanent Municipal Building Committee, B. Wright and A. Foster (Loker):** K. Brenna provided an update on the Loker Field project, including the recent Public Involvement Plan, the expected filing of the RAM Plan with MassDEP which, once filed would allow the contractor to begin work in the coming days. B. Wright arrived at the meeting. A. Foster noted that the field could be used as early as Fall 2023 with the installation of sod. The Commission discussed the condition of the sod at Oxbow Meadows.
 - c. From Route 20 South Landfill Visioning Committee, D. Pearlman, if any:** A. Foster reported that Select Board member T. Fay reported that a state agency had reviewed the property and did not exclude the potential use of the property as a recreational field.
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Recreation Director Department Update: K. Brenna provided the Commission with an update on the seasonal staff hiring, her attendance at the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) annual state conference and an update on Pickleball.

Discussion, development and review of the Recreation Commission Goals and Charge: K. Brenna reported on the departmental goals exercise which highlighted the need to fill the part-time staff vacancy in the Recreation Office. K. Brenna described the exercise to aid the Commission in setting

goals and to think of the public policy objective and the role staff play in achieving the goal. At 8:21 p.m., D. Pearlman arrived. The Commission discussed and prioritized the goals presented.

A. Administrative:

- (1) Determine ownership of town-wide assets, MOU with schools
- (2) Improve marketing & communication, fill staff vacancies, DEI & sustainability efforts,
- (3) establish a new charge for the Commission in light of the Select Board-Town Manager Act

B. Beach:

- (1) Continue to be stewards of Lake Cochituate, involve community
- (2) Determine the status of the 25-year Beach lease
- (3) Security upgrades, rehab front entry way and playground (23ATM).

C. Camps, Clinics & Childcare:

- (1) Expand camp offerings where possible
- (2) Secure indoor space
- (3) evaluate unmet out-of-school time childcare needs

D. Programming:

- (1) Strive for 'something for everyone'
- (2) program available space in the Council on Aging Community Center
- (3) Relocate the Art & Music programs, formerly at Art Center in Fire Sta. #2

E. Events:

- (1) Wayland Day, determine resources
- (2) Campout, Touch-A-Truck, Fishing Derby, Halloween Parade, Music Festival, Park Series

F. Fields, Facilities, Parks & Playgrounds:

- (1) Finish Loker Grass Field (22ATM)
- (2) Re-Design WMS Backfield irrigation (21ATM-CPA)
- (3) Determine Third site for a grass field, moratorium (22PTM)
- (4) Coch Ball Park Dugout project (FY23)
- (5) Complete the CPA Outdoor Court Renovation (23ATM)
- (6) Irrigation at CPH, Oxbow Meadows drainage,
- (7) agree on a 5-year capital plan and
- (8) Participate as a stakeholder in the 2024 Open Space & Recreation Plan (FY24)

G. Gyms & Indoor Rec:

- (1) Pickleball
- (2) develop indoor sports facility at Old DPW Site or elsewhere, investigate public/private partnerships,

Minutes: Review and approve the minutes of January 23, 2023, February 3, 2023 and March 7, 2023:

B. Wright moved, seconded by K. Pierce, to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023.

Vote: YEA: A. Foster, D. Pearlman, K. Pierce, B. Wright. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: L. Mason. ABSENT: None.
Adopted: 4-0-1.

K. Pierce moved, seconded by D. Pearlman, to approve the minutes of February 3, 2023.

Vote: YEA: A. Foster, D. Pearlman, K. Pierce, B. Wright. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: L. Mason. ABSENT: None.
Adopted: 4-0-1.

D. Pearlman moved, seconded by B. Wright, to approve the minutes of March 7, 2023.

Vote: YEA: A. Foster, D. Pearlman, K. Pierce, B. Wright. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: L. Mason. ABSENT: None.

Adopted: 4-0-1.

Next Meeting Date and suggested agenda items:

The Commission decided to meet on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting, if any:

There were none.

Motion to adjourn:

At 9:21 p.m., K. Pierce moved, seconded by B. Wright, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: YEA: A. Foster, L. Mason, D. Pearlman, K. Pierce, B. Wright. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT:

Adopted: 5-0-0.

Documents referenced or reviewed by the Recreation Commission at the meeting of April 10, 2023:

1. Revised Agenda of the Recreation Commission for April 10, 2023, previous agenda posted 04/06/2023 at 12:04 p.m.
2. Draft: Recreation Commission meeting minutes of January 23, 2023
3. Draft: Recreation Commission meeting minutes of February 3, 2023
4. Draft: Recreation Commission meeting minutes of March 7, 2023