



OBSERVER REPORT

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION - March 15, 2022

LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Derek Norcross. Present were Linda Rice Collins, Karin Ernst, Matt Martin, Peter James, and Jaime Bloch. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Derek has met with interim town administrator, John McGinn, to discuss the plan for the Reynolds Playground renovation and ice rink rehabilitation. He is in favor of the Rec and Park plan and will help implement a meeting with the Selectmen to move forward. Chris Huntress has agreed to be a consultant on the project.

Other projects in the works include the Rainbow Zone, the roof at the Nature Center and the resurfacing of the Seaside tennis courts. The latter will not start until after the high school tennis season ends. The Seaside infield and the gates at the beach need repairs. The tarps may come off next week. The Chandler Hovey pavilion work will start in mid-May. There is a plan to get water to the Stramski house. The railings at Crocker Park have been painted.

Jaime presented her plan of gifting the Marblehead Family Fund with a piece of equipment for the handicap accessible renovation of Hobbs playground. The Commission approved a motion to allot \$30,000 from the revolving fund for this purpose. The department will also assist with the demolition of the current equipment.

On March 31 there will be a presentation and discussion at the high school auditorium from 6 to 8 pm about making sports more LGBTQ inclusive. This is particularly aimed at increasing awareness for coaches of recreational sports but is available to everyone. More information can be found on the Rec and Parks Facebook page.

On March 30, an afternoon Spring Fling will include a 9-hole miniature golf course and bouncy houses at Hobbs after early dismissal.

The kayak rack renewals began today and there were 140 renewals. New applications begin on May 1.

Two applications for weddings and one for a post high school reunion party were approved.

The next meeting will be on March 29 at 7:00 pm.