

The minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Kaye at 6:04pm.

Roll Call: Don LePage, Kevin McLoughlin, Nancy Roberts, Tom Kaye, Brian Davis, Donna Prather, Rec. Director and Geordie Emmanuel, Associate Director

Absent: Carolanne Elmendorf

Guest: Mary McNally, Town Manager

Minutes for the Nov. 4th, Nov 18th and Dec. 16th meeting were approved

Guest to Address the Commission: none

Director's Report:

- *Budget Submitted FYI 2021
- *Working on annual report
- *Looking at financials for upcoming sport
- *Need help getting brochures out to community
- *Heritage Park update (see old business)
- *DPW's Standard and Practices manual (spread the word that this exists and ask for support of this plan)
- *School Use - contact and procedure
- *Football and cheerleading combining under one advisory board
- *Dog Park (see old business)
- *EL Foundation members announce the for foundation as ELF
- *CPC moved to February 5, 2020
- *85% of all registrations are done online

New Business:

Director brought up for discussion paying association presidents stipends. The commission was not in favor

Discussion about Director and Associate Director attending all association meetings and activities outside of office hours. Commission stated there wasn't a need for attendance at all meetings and activities. They also did not support hiring monitors for all sports.

Wrestling Tournament will be held on January 26th.

The commission presented concerns to the Town Manager:

- *The lack of accessibility to associations funds when they use the gift accounts. They need to be able to have requests for funds filled in a more timely manner
- *Why do rental fees for the turf field go into the school department account when that field was built out of town funds
- *Discussed the roles of our sports boards and their specific accountability to the Recreation Commission
- *Discussed how the Town Manager sees the role and responsibility of the Recreation Commission.

Old Business:

Firm quotes are needed to move forward on Heritage Park Project. CPC monies are still available

Our by-laws have been approved by the town manager.

Donna requested we table the motion on moving the Dog Park. There was a discussion. The commission is divided on the subject.

There still is no policy to name fields and other properties. Marilyn Richards will develop and present to town council. Nancy Roberts said she will email Mrs, Richards for an update.

Sports Associations Updates:

*Baseball has \$21,000 in their account. Contemplating becoming a 501.C3.

*Swimming championships will take place on the weekend of Jan. 18th and 19th

*LAX - Mike Baxter is new coach and head of the Boys LAX association . Discussion if the boys and girls associations could combine

A motion was made by Tom Kaye and seconded by Brian Davis to adjourn at 7:36pm

The next regular meeting of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission will be held on February 3, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Pleasant View Senior Center at 327 North Main St., East Longmeadow.