

The minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting of the East Longmeadow Recreation Department.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m by Chairperson Tom Kaye.

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

The minutes of the January 6, 2020 were approved (5-0) as amended.

Guest to address the Commission:

Dan Reynolds presented his reasons why he is applying for the open position for an alternate on the Recreation Commission

Director'S Report

- *Spring events include the Egg Hunt at East Longmeadow HS and the tag sale in May
- *Need an updated master plan for Heritage Park
- *Coaches Application-some sports associations want help appointing coaches
- *Five requests for sport scholarships have been received
- *51 participants took part in the first annual Robert Mazarello Youth Wrestling Tournament
- *Mike Baxter (lax coach) inquired about the policy for non residents
- *Policy on the design and purchasing uniform (tabled)
- *Scoreboard needs to be checked
- *Pine Knoll Camp fee increased by \$15.00 to cover minimum wage increase
- *Rental fees for Pine Knoll are used to make improvements, repairs and monitor wages
- *Ben O'Conner, asst. Marlins coach, has been hired as the aquatic director
- *Open Space Policy has been returned for refining
- *Soccer Association is struggling with membership and organization
- *Marlins Swim Team took second place in the Championships. A banquet was held on January 31, 2020
- *2020 positions have been posted. Interviews begin next week.

Sports Association Reports

Soccer

Brian Davis presented feedback on the Xcess Program

- *good ideas but not enough coaches for the number of participants
- *some resistance from coaches
- *moving indoors because of mosquitoes presented problems

The program will not be offered in the Spring

Negative feedback on coaching assignments

- *ongoing problems with personalities
- *needs are not distributed evenly among member

Donna will work with them on organization

Tennis

Gave up their 501.3C. Will make it part of the ELF

New Business

ELF will meet with town manager

Next meeting on February 12, 2020 at the COA at 6:00pm

Mission and Goals

*Field management

*Formation of a Park and Recreation Dept.

*ELF in place and up and running

* Coaching assignment under direction of recreation Department

*Emphasize the good of programs and less the negatives

*Field development

*Development of new programs

*Improve the fields we have

*Increase funds for scholarships for sport participation

*Concentrate on one specific project such as splash pad and playground at Brown Farm

Adjourned to executive session at 7:30. Regular meeting was adjourned from executive session at 7:55pm

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on March 2, 2020 at 6:00pm at the COA, 328 N. Main St, East Longmeadow.