

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 26, 2020**

PRESENT: Christopher J. Gerstel, Cynthia J. Chaston, Michelle S. Geddes
Stacey Mulroy, Angela O'Connor, Kristen Wright

ABSENT: Matthew M. Toolan, Bruce R. Williams

GUESTS: Kim Parsons, Kathleen King

Mr. Gerstel called the meeting to order at 12:34 PM remotely using Zoom.

Mr. Gerstel read a statement regarding public meeting process due to COVID-19.

1. Open Forum – Public Comment

None presented

2A. 2020 Policies for the Pools

Ms. Mulroy reviewed a few scenarios for 2020 Pools Hours.

Ms. Chaston asked which scenario supported more family swim time. Ms. Mulroy stated that the Tuesday – Sunday option has slightly more family swim time. Ms. Chaston stated that she supported the Tuesday – Sunday scenario as it best benefits the community.

Ms. Geddes agreed with Ms. Chaston and supported the Tuesday – Sunday scenario. Ms. Geddes stated that having swim times for families on both weekends best supports the families.

Mr. Gerstel stated that agrees with his fellow Commissioners even though both scenarios are good options. Mr. Gerstel asked if the earlier shift was necessary on Saturday and Sunday or if opening for family swim consistently at 1:30pm would be a better option. Ms. Mulroy stated that the staffing can support that and if the Commission prefers that timing, it can be executed. Ms. Chaston stated that she would defer to the staff if that option is better but offered no objection to that change. Ms. Geddes stated that she can support the shorter weekend days however asked that if there are any loosening of the guidelines that we look into opening up more swim times. Ms. Mulroy stated that it will be much easier to add hours than subtract them.

Mr. Gerstel moved to approve the following hours of operation at the Pools at Rosemary Recreation Complex for the summer of 2020: Tuesday – Friday 7:00am – 12:30pm lap swimming with an hour cleaning time and reopening 1:30pm – 7:00pm for family swim and on Saturday and Sunday open for family swim from 1:30pm – 7:00pm. Ms. Geddes seconded the motion, and the hours of operation were approved 3-0.

2B. 2020 Pool Memberships

Ms. Mulroy opened the discussion of ending the sale of 2020/2021 memberships. Ms. Mulroy stated that the registration process for timeslots is still a work in progress, however members of the Pools will have priority registration for the time slots.

Mr. Gerstel asked if two weeks prior to opening would be a sufficient amount of time, being July 10th, to closed down registrations. Ms. Wright stated that closing registrations in the next two to three weeks would be sufficient and would provide the public with the opportunity to look over the policies and procedures that will be in place to keep them safe this summer. Ms. Wright stated that the driver for this particular timeline is dependent on when the timeslot registrations would open up. Mr. Gerstel asked if

Ms. Chaston stated that closing membership registration on July 8th or July 10th would be fair. Ms. Chaston recommended going no later than July 10th.

Ms. Geddes stated that it will be difficult as it the two weeks around the July 4th holiday, but July 10th should provide enough time for families that want membership to purchase them.

Ms. Chaston asked how many memberships have been sold this year. Ms. Wright stated that there were a few more sales since the announcement that the membership would be good for both the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

Mr. Gerstel moved to discontinue the sale of 2020/2021 memberships on Friday, July 10. Ms. Chaston seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 3-0.

6. Issues Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair within 48 Hours

None presented.

7. Topics for Future Agendas

None presented.

8. Adjournment of Business Meeting

Mr. Gerstel moved to adjourn the June 26, 2020 Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 1:00pm. Ms. Chaston seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.