



Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Minutes, June 17, 2019; 4:30 PM
Council Chambers

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER: 4:31 PM – The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Dobbs. Committee members present were Eric Ankrom, Tommy Parham and Greg Veilleux. Another in attendance was Shawn Keeley of Friends of Acadia.

Chair Dobbs noted that there is a voting conflict for Committee Member Parham as an unintended consequence of the recent citizen initiative to require Bar Harbor residency for Town committee and board members. Although Mr. Parham was appointed by the Town Council to this Committee as the YMCA executive representative, he is not a resident of Bar Harbor. Legal counsel is being sought regarding this conflict.

ITEM 2

Excused Absence(s): John Kelly.

ITEM 3

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: *The Parks and Recreation Committee allows at this time up to fifteen minutes of public comment on any subject not on the agenda, and not in litigation, with a maximum of three minutes per person.* – None.

ITEM 4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chair Dobbs recommended to amend the Agenda to delete Item 6.B., Abbe Museum: Stefanie Joy Muscat Presentation of Second Annual Abbe Museum Indian Market 2019, due to unavailability of representative. Mr. Veilleux moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Agenda as amended; motion passed (3-0).

ITEM 5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of June 3, 2019. Mr. Veilleux moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Minutes; motion passed (3-0).

ITEM 6

REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Request from Friends of Acadia to Hold Climate Ride 2019 on the Athletic Field from 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM on Wednesday, September 11, and from 6:30 AM to 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 12, 2019.**

Mr. Keeley represented the applicant in support of the application. The application fee and insurance liability certificate have been received. This is the third Climate Ride originating in Bar Harbor, and Mr. Keeley reports that the event is a “well-oiled machine.” Such events are held all over the country. The gear is transported via rental trailers for this supported ride.

There are 125 registered riders which will begin the ride in staggered groups. The half-hour check-in on Wednesday is ample time because most will have checked in on-line. The reading of the Findings of Fact Sheet was waived for this repeating event as there are no changes other than the dates of the event.

Mr. Ankrom moved, with second by Mr. Veilleux, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

B. Tennis / Pickleball Court.

Chair Dobbs has been approached by pickleball enthusiasts toward the expansion of the existing Town tennis court footprint to accommodate a pickleball court. Mr. Veilleux indicated he would be in favor of an actual pickleball court. Chair Dobbs suggested the interested parties could fundraise.

C. Other Discussion.

○ The Committee requested clarification of whether the Council assignment of the YMCA representative to this Committee is the result of a policy change or ordinance amendment.

ITEM 7
NEXT MEETING DATE
As needed.

ITEM 8
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Banis
Recording Secretary