



**Walpole Recreation Committee
Meeting Held on March 11th, 2020
Blackburn Hall - 6:00 p.m
30 Stone Street - Walpole, MA 02081**

Recreation Committee Present

Regular Members

Present

- Joseph Grant, *Chairperson*
- Richard McCarthy

Not Present

William Buckley, *Vice-Chairperson*
Annelise Fair
Michael McGrath

Associate Members

Present

- Brad Hickey*
- Jeffrey Hutnick**
- Douglas Shea

Not Present

Lorraine Dundon

* Departed at 6:45 p.m.

** Per Article VI, §B of the *Recreation Committee Policies & Procedures* - due to the absence of a quorum, Mr. Hutnick was assigned voting power by Chairman Grant.

Staff Present

- Brendan Croak, *Recreation Director*
- Arielle Carney, *Assistant Recreation Director*

Call to Order

Chairman Grant called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Appointments

A. 6:00 p.m. *Mark McMurray, Regional Sales Manager - CivicPlus*

- Mr. McMurray, *Regional Sales Manager* of *CivicPlus*, presented the Committee with an overview of the CivicRec Recreation management website platform.

Director's Report

A. Department Update

- Spring Programming

Director Croak gave a brief overview of the timing for spring programming. Registration for spring programming opened up on Monday, February 24th, with programming starting up later this month on March 23rd.

- Egg Hunt

The Recreation Department is holding their Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th at the High School. Director Croak has reached out to Town Administration and the Health Department to receive guidance and direction on how they'd like us to proceed, given the threat of Coronavirus.

- Summer 2020

Director Croak gave a brief overview of the status for summer 2020 programming and hiring. The deadline for submitting applications for employment was on Sunday, March 9th. To date, the Department continues to receive applications, and will file them accordingly. Over 50 applications have been received, and the intention is that we'll have about 25 vacancies to fill for this summer's staff. We'll be scheduling and conducting interviews through April Vacation. Registration for our C.I.T. program will open up at the end of the month.

As mentioned at February's Recreation Committee meeting, registration for both Little Rec'ers and Walpole Woods opened up. As of this meeting, Little Rec'ers is pretty much full for the summer. Walpole Woods is about halfway full, and Director Croak anticipates that registrations will continue to come in throughout the spring. We've also opened up registration for most of our summer sports clinics and camps, including soccer camp with Challenger Sports, RBI Baseball Camp, Junior Rebels Football Clinic with Coach Sullivan, and our annual Field Hockey Clinic with Coach Quinn.

Director Croak also mentioned that the department will be working Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, Oliver Vil in offering an in-house summer basketball clinic. In previous years, the department has partnered up with various vendors throughout the years to offer this program. Director Croak mentioned that he has reached out to Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Dave Wall, but did not receive a response. Coach Vil will be handling both the boys and girls weeks for this program.

Once details are finalized for the popular Junior Police Academy program, the department will open up registration.

Information for the pools will be released in the upcoming weeks. The intention is to let the Committee know of the changes at the April meeting once they are finalized.

B. Route 1A Fields Update

- At this time, there are no updates to provide the Committee with regarding the construction of the route 1A field complex.

New Business

- N/A

Old Business

- N/A

Minutes

- On a motion made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Chairperson Grant, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes from the February 12th, 2020 meeting.

Public Comment

- N/A

Adjournment

- On a motion made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hutnick, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.