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**Avon Park and Recreation Commission**  
65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322

Daniel Hart, Chairperson  
Marci Kovick, Commissioner  
Jennifer Mayo Director

Benjamin Chapman, Vice Chairperson  
Jocelyn Lyon, Commissioner

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**March 9, 2021**

Members present: Daniel Hart, Chairman  
Benjamin Chapman, Vice Chairman  
Marci Kovick, Commissioner  
Jocelyn Lyons, Commissioner

Others present: Jennifer Mayo, Director  
Gregory Enos, Town Administrator  
Kathleen Waldron, Board of Health  
Shanna Faro, Executive Assistant

Chairman Hart announced that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order suspending certain provisions of the Opening Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, & 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020, Order imposing a strict limitation of the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Park and Recreation Board is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public can access the proceeding as provided for in the order. Chairman Hart reminded the viewing audience that persons who would like to view the meeting while in progress may do so by joining the Zoom link for the videoconference.

Chairman Hart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present through the videoconference Zoom. Each Board member acknowledged their presence at the meeting by responding in the affirmative during the roll call.

The Board took the time to welcome Kya Murray to the Park & Recreation Department as our new Recording Secretary.

## **Online Ideas**

Jen will be running a town wide egg scavenger hunt from March 20<sup>th</sup> until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The scavenger hunt will include 10 large eggs, clues to the locations and a secret code of letters to be unscrambled. Participants will submit an image with the unscrambled message to be entered to win a prize. There will be flyers made, post on Facebook along with a link that will lead you to the town page with more information.

## **Summer Program**

The Board began discussions with the Town Administrator and the Board of Health for the upcoming Summer Program. The topics of group sizes, siblings, contact tracing, locations, porta potties, supplies, storage needs, rain days and shading were discussed. The Board will look to meet with Town Administrator and Board of Health again as we get closer and new guidelines are received from the state. Jen will work with Shanna on job postings for summer seasonal staff.

## **Pumpkin Contest**

Jen introduced the idea of a pumpkin growing contest in memory of Doreen Gouthro to the Board. The plan would be to give out pumpkin plants to families in mid-June for them to grow over the summer and a weigh in event would be hosted by Park and Rec in the fall. Jen will look to have plants/supplies and prizes donated, there would be no cost for the families to participate.

## **Miller Tracy Playground**

The Board discussed hand sanitizer stations being checked, solar lighting, cameras, and work to be completed.

## **Spring Planning**

We have three events planned for April Vacation, two in-person and one virtual.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> we will offer two sessions of archery with On the Mark Archery, session one at 10am and session two at 11:15am. The price will be \$40 per participant and will be for grades 4 and up.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> we will offer a drums alive class with Abilities Rec. The class will be held from 11am until 12pm and will cost \$10 per participant. This event is for all ages.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we will offer a virtual paint night with Artful Expressions. The class will be held virtually from 6pm until 8pm. The cost will be \$25 per participant and will include all supplies needed for the event. This event is for all ages.

## **Civic Center Work**

Jen updated the Board that DPW has started painting the walls in the Civic Center and repairs need to be done to the back wall on the meeting side. The Town Administrator is still waiting on quotes for the flooring.

## **UniBank**

The Board had a discussion on information needed to complete our online payment center. Dan will work with Town Council on medical/Covid-19 waivers needed for Summer Program registration.

## **Field Permit Requests**

The Board received field permit requests from Dirt Dawgs women's softball and Avon Youth Baseball.

Vice Chairman Chapman made a motion to approve the second field on Fagan Drive for Dirt Dawgs women's softball from mid-June to September, there will be an additional fee of \$200 added to the original field permit request, for a total of \$400 to be collected. Commissioner Lyons second the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Vice Chairman Chapman voted aye. Commissioner Kovick voted aye. Commissioner Lyons voted aye. Chairman Hart voted aye. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Chapman made a motion to approve the field permit request from Avon Youth Baseball. This request includes all three fields on Fagan Drive and stone dust field at Butler from April 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021. The fee has been waived. Commissioner Lyons second the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Vice Chairman Chapman voted aye. Commissioner Lyons voted aye. Chairman Hart voted aye. Commissioner Kovick abstained. The motion carried.

## **Department Head Meeting**

Jen will meet with the Town Administrator, Board of Health and the Fire Chief on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss reopening plans for the Civic Center. Jen will update the Board after the meeting.

## **Discussions**

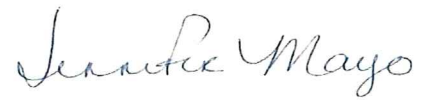
- Fee changes for field rentals
- Jen will research yoga classes
- Paint color/mural ideas for the shed on Fagan Drive

## **Documents**

- March 09, 2021 meeting agenda
- Field Permit Requests from Dirt Dawgs and Avon Youth Baseball

Meeting Adjourned, March 9, 2021 at 8:48pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Mayo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Jennifer Mayo  
Program Director  
Avon Park and Recreation