



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Location: Zoom

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription. A recording of the meeting will be available for 45 days post on the Parks and Recreation website.

Meeting Date: January 6, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Attendees: Phil Keans, David Shofi, Pete Nichols, Dennis DiPinto & Bob Schneider

Committee: (Check One)

- ☐ Aquatic & Program
- ☐ Budget & Policy
- ☒ Buildings & Grounds
- ☐ Marketing, Promotion and Memberships
- ☐ Special Services, Community Outreach, Customer Services
- ☐ Strategic Planning & Annual Goals

Agenda

- I. Native Plant Policy
- II. Other Buildings & Grounds Issues

Meeting Minutes

- I. Committee Chair David Shofi called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.
- II. Mr. Shofi asked for an update on the hot tub repair at the Rec Center. Mr. Schneider confirmed the hot tub is operational again, but suggests that this item be included in the Capital budget within the next two years because the unit will need constant care to prevent leaking altogether.
- III. Discussion was had regarding future plans for additional outdoor Pickleball courts. P&R has budgeted for an assessment in the FY2023-2024 Capital budget.
- IV. Committee discussed the Native Plant Policy recently adopted by the town. Mr. Kearns asked Mr. Schneider to provide a list of the types of plants and trees planted in Ballard Park. Mr. Kearns asked the Committee if they want to present recommendations to the BOS and the Conservation Commission with regards to allowing non-native plants. Committee agreed and shared feedback:
 - a. P&R will create a list of non-native plantings and present to the Conservation Committee for pre-approval.



- b. List will include planting locations at P&R parks and the Recreation Center campus, and any exemptions.
 - c. List out all items and exclusions, including clarification of wording in the policy as it relates to lawns versus athletic fields.
- V. Pete Nichols moved and Phil Kearns seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Dennis DiPinto