



**TOWN OF HUDSON
PARK COMMISSION
Division of Recreation**
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**PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 25 2019
Town Hall – Selectmen’s Room at 8:00 am**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 8:07am. Members present were, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos, Mr. Hannon and Mr. Aponte.

2. Minutes to Approve:

A. Public Session –April 10, 2019

Mr. Chaves motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 2-0, in favor

3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:

A. None

4. Personnel:

A. Summer 2019 Part-time Seasonal Staff Recommendations

Mr. Santos stated that no recommendations were available at this time and the he and his staff would be conducting interviews in the coming weeks.

5. Director’s Report:

A. Mr. Santos stated that he had not yet prepared the letter to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen as previously requested.

B. Mr. Santos provided the Commission with details on process for selecting a new Commissioner, once interest cards had been submitted.

Mr. Chaves stated that given the upcoming projects, someone should look into whether or not it warrants an increase in the number of commissioners; assuming doing so was an option.

6. New Business:

A. Park Commission to discuss permitted use of Pickleball Courts at Riverside Park

Mr. Santos provided the Park Commission with a brief summary on the conversations he had with Kate D’Amelio, who was representing Hudson, MA Pickleball.

Kate D’Amelio and Don Bernstein, both Hudson residents introduced themselves.

Mrs. D’Amelio stated that she was long time tennis player who had now played pickle ball for several years; that she had brought up the need for courts in Hudson 2-3 years back; that when the courts were renovated in the fall of 2018 to include Pickleball it immediately attracted many people.

Mrs. D’Amelio stated that her group was looking to reserve the Pickleball courts for their program and they’d utilize a waiver similar to those used in other communities in the area. Additionally, that members of the group would pay a fee to organization and that any potential surplus funds may be donated to the Recreation Department.

Mr. Bernstein stated that he had been playing for many years; he explained how the games are typically organized within these Pickleball leagues/programs to include as many people as possible, while providing the most court time to all those involved. He stated that the game format is very systematic.

Mr. Chaves stated that he did not anticipate any issues with the group using the courts. However, since there are no other Pickleball facilities in Hudson, accommodations would need to be made so that during reserved times, any resident who is not part of the organization who decides to show up and play still has access to at least 1 court. He stated further that, he expected more people to come out and play as the courts are now in Hudson.

Mr. Chaves stated that the group would need to follow through on requesting courts just as any other group who looks to reserve a field or park. Also that he is excited about this program, he is happy to see a group of residents taking the lead on organizing these efforts and expects that the program will be successful in our community.

Mr. Bernstein said that a defined "open and available court" policy would need to be clear so that there is less chance of conflicts moving forward.

Mr. Santos stated that the group's next step would be to complete and submit an Application for Use of Town Property along with the required Certificate of Insurance, in order to reserve the courts.

7. Old Business:

A. None

8. Communications and/or Correspondence to be noted by Commissioners:

A. None

Announcements/Adjournment

Mr. Chaves motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35am, seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 2-0, in favor

Motion to Adopt:	Mr. Chaves
Second:	Mr. Bowen
Vote:	2 – 0, in favor
Date:	May 30, 2019