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PARK COMMISSION
Division of Recreation**
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**PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES
February 10, 2021
Via REMOTE ZOOM at 7:15pm**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Hudson Park Commission meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Hudson website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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Topic: Park Commission Meeting

Time: Feb 10, 2021 07:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:18pm. Members present were Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos, Mr. Hannon and Mr. Aponte.

Mr. Bowen dispensed with the reading of the statement regarding Zoom virtual meetings and Governor Baker's statement on the Covid-19 virus & Open Meeting Law, as all those present at the meeting including Mrs. Kali Coughlan (town employee) were familiar with the statement and meeting procedures.

2. Minutes to Approve:

A. Public Session – January 20, 2021

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

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:

A. None

4. Personnel:

A. None

5. Director's Report:

A. Mr. Santos provided a report on the following items, where limited discussion occurred:

Centennial Beach Project-

-Building delivery was slated for week of Feb 15th, was pushed out to week of March 8th. To allow for lining plumbing work to be completed.

-Cataldo has been working through out winter to date.

-Project Change Orders:

...Parking Lot Surfacing

...Gates (forthcoming)

...Electrical (forthcoming)

...Sewer (TBD)

FY2022 Budget-

Budget was approved, as revised, by BOS on 2/8/21

Budget goes before Finance Committee on TBD

May Elections-

Mr. Roan pulled papers for re-election

May Town Meeting-

Meeting moved to Saturday, May 1st at 12 noon, Hudson High Parking Lot

Programs-

eSport – current and future sessions

Kids Test Kitchen - current and future sessions

Babysitting & Home Alone Safety – to be held during February vacation

Golf Tournament – TBD

Concerts – All bands from Summer 2020 have been rebooked to return this summer. We are awaiting a potential grant award via the Hudson Cultural Council

Spring Youth Sports – most all plan on running programs, as allowed

Park Commission Policy Updates & Changes-

Does the Park Commission consider limiting access at the beach for Hudson residents only during summer of 2021, Covid restrictions may or may not push us in one direction. Non-residents account for 15% of passes sold, 25% of income generated.

-Mr. Santos suggested this matter be discussed in the near future.

Does Park Commission want to restrict Youth Sports programs above and beyond any state and local BOH requirements???

-Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves both stated that all field use restrictions due to Covid-19 should be aligned with state and local guidelines at the time of use, as well as all requests must be supported by our local Board of Health. Mr. Bowen went on to say that he did not currently feel the need to impose stricter restrictions above and beyond, 1) those issues by the state and/or 2) any other guidelines as recommended by the BOH.

Spring 2021 Outlook-

-Continue to manage Beach project

-Finalize Farley School Playground Repairs

-Coordinate installation of Benches on ARRT

-Hire Staff

-Develop all Summer Programs and develop staff training protocols

-Continue to coordinate programs listed above

-Assist and support youth groups in planning for spring programs to take place at our facilities

-Complete foot bridges on Assabet River Nature Trail

6. New Business:

A. Discussion on upcoming and future Recreation Donation Programs

Mr. Santos explained that in the coming months the Recreation Department was planning on launching two donation programs, specific to benches, that would allow community members to contribute towards the installation of benches at certain facilities in town. Mr. Santos stated that all donation programs, including future programs would be published on the department website on a dedicated program donation page. Mr. Santos stated that he and his staff planned to create these donation programs to meet the needs of both the department and community. Mr. Santos stated that the two upcoming bench donation programs would apply the Assabet River Rail Trail and Centennial Beach. He then introduced Mrs. Kali Coughlan from the Hudson Board of Health to provide further details on the upcoming Assabet River Rail Trail Bench Donation Program.

Mrs. Coughlan introduced herself, her role at the Hudson Board of Health and her direct involvement in the bench donation program. She described the goal of the project was to increase seating opportunities along the rail trail, to allow for those with limitations as well as older individuals the opportunity to explore areas of the trail that may currently be unavailable to them, due to limited seating and safe areas to rest. She explained the link to the Mass in Motion program through MetroWest Moves and how the benches are being partially funded via MetroWest Moves grant funds to support age-friendly initiatives. Mr. Santos stated that only 6 benches will be placed at this time on the ARRT and they would first reach out to those who have inquired about bench donations over the last several years in order to give them the first opportunity to secure a bench, prior to opening the program up to the general public.

7. Old Business:

A. Guidotti Field (Riverside Park Baseball Field) Dedication

Mr. Bowen stated that he had spoken to the HS AD and they are interested in being involved.

However, spring sports (baseball) schedules are not set at this time. Additionally, Mr. Bowen spoke to a family member who stated they are looking forward to the dedication and plan on attending.

Mr. Santos stated that any event plans will need to be vetted by the BOH and subject to any state and local Covid-19 restrictions.

Mr. Chaves stated that while the event will take place, it will most likely look very different from what many anticipated due to Covid-19.

B. Centennial Beach Renovation Project Update – see Directors Report

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

A. None

9. Announcements/Adjournment

Mr. Bowen asked if the Recreation Department had received any guidance from HPS on potential use of buildings during the summer months. Mr. Santos stated that some initial conversations had taken place between him and the Superintendent and that there was some level of support at this time, however our use of school facilities during the summer months would be further evaluated in the coming months.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

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| Motion to Approve: | Mr. Bowen |
| Second: | Mr. Chaves |
| Vote: | 3 – 0, in favor |
| Date: | March 3, 2021 |