



**TOWN OF HUDSON
PARK COMMISSION**
Division of Recreation
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PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES

June 8, 2022

Via REMOTE ZOOM at 7:45pm

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: Jun 8, 2022 07:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Chaves called the meeting to order at 7:50pm. Members present were Mr. Bowen, Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos

Note: Mr Roan joins the meeting at 7:56pm, during agenda item #5, Directors Report

Mr. Chaves 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 were familiar with the statement, the meeting procedures and no one other than those listed above were present.

2. Minutes to Approve:

A. Public Session – June 1, 2022

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. Park Commission to consider summer 2022 part-time seasonal employees

Mr. Santos presented the Commission with a list of individuals to fill various seasonal positions during the summer of 2022.

Mr. Bowen motioned to approve the list of employees and respective pay rates, to be submitted to the Select Board for final confirmation. Seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

5. Director's Report:

A. Mr. Santos informed the Commission that...to date 183 participants had registered for the summer days programs; summer track program registration would begin the following week; swimming lessons were still TBD; and 169 season passes had been sold for the beach, of which 9 were sold to non-residents.

6. New Business:

A. Park Commission to consider HYBS Summer Baseball Tournaments at Boutwell Fields

Mr. Santos stated that he did not have any concerns with the request for use of the Boutwell Fields for these two tournaments to be held in late June.

Mr. Bowen motioned to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Roan and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

B. Park Commission to review and modify Centennial Beach Rules and Regulations

Mr. Santos presented the Park Commission with modifications to rules #1 and #2 as listed below:

Previous:

#1. Flotation devices such as tubes, rafts, swimming aides, etc..., will not be allowed in the water with the exception of United States Coast Guard (USCG) certified Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) according to type (I, II, III), size, and buoyancy. All PFDs must be in a serviceable condition prior to use. Any child 12 years of age or younger wearing an approved PFD must be accompanied by an Adult in the water at all times.

NEW:

Flotation devices such as tubes, rafts, swimming aides, etc..., will not be allowed in the water with the exception of: United States Coast Guard (USCG) certified Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) according to type (I, II, III), size, and buoyancy (All PFDs must be in a serviceable condition prior to use and any child 12 years of age or younger wearing an approved PFD must be accompanied by an

Adult in the water at all times); and/or the Use of a swimming aide designed for and used for the sole purpose of continuous lap swimming.

Previous:

#2. No snorkels, swim fins, scuba gear are allowed in the water.

NEW:

-No snorkels, except for the sole purpose of continuous lap swimming.

-Scuba diving is prohibited.

Mr. Chaves motioned to accept the modifications, seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

Mr. Chaves asked how the rules would be posted. Mr. Santos stated that rules would be posted at the beach on sign boards and that both the Day and Season Passes had a QR code labeled on them that would direct folks to the Beach Rules posted on the Recreation Departments website.

7. Old Business:

A. Park Commission to discuss new location for Guidotti Field Sign

Mr. Michael Guidotti, Lark Drive - Requested that the new Guidotti Field Sign included the name "Hugo" on it.

Mr. Santos stated that he did not have any issues with this request.

Mr. Chaves stated that if possible he would like to temporarily utilize the existing Guidotti Field Sign, when removed from the scoreboard until such time that a final sign design and location be determined.

Mr. Santos stated that he would soon be meeting with the sign vendor on site to discuss these changes. In the short-term Mr. Santos suggested placing the existing Guidotti Field sign on the fence by the 3rd Base Field entrance until such time that a new sign location and design to be approved by both the Park Commission and the Guidotti family. Additionally, Mr. Santos suggested that the Park Commission may want to consider a double-sided sign located somewhere in right field above the existing fence. As this would serve to help identify the field from both Riverside and from the front parking lot at HHS.

Mr. Guidotti stated that he supported this approach and liked the idea of the sign being placed in right field.

Mr. Bowen and Mr. Roan both stated they agreed with this approach as well.

Mr. Santos stated that he would be in contact with the Guidotti Family as this project progressed and would follow up with the Park Commission once he had a final sign design and associated costs for review.

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

A. None

9. Announcements/Adjournment

A. Next Meeting is TBD.

Mr. Santos stated that he and his staff may bring the items listed below to the Park Commission for discussion and/or review:

-Permit Use Requests for use of Centennial Beach for Birthday Parties, Special Events, Church Picnics, etc...

-Requests for Discounted Season Parking Passes for Centennial Beach

-Use of Centennial Beach by large groups such as Artisan Hudson and other youth programs/organizations that run summer camps

Additionally, Mr Santos stated that he had contracted with company to replace the non-compliant wooden steps located in front of the home bleachers at Moran Bowl, which lead from the walkway behind the wall down onto the track/field. Further, that in doing so they would be removing a small section of wall in order to eliminate the need to step up and over the wall on order to access the stairs.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:24pm, seconded by Mr. Roan and carried...

Vote: 3 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve: Mr. Bowen

Second: Mr. Chaves

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

Date: September 21, 2022