



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

**May 31, 2023**

**Via REMOTE ZOOM at 8:15pm**

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Topic: Park Commission

Time: May 31, 2023 08:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Mr. Roan called the meeting to order at 8:19pm. Members present were Mr. Roan, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos

Mr. Roan 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 – May 24, 2023

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

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

### **3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:**

A. None

### **4. Personnel:**

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

Mr. Chaves stated that he would not be commenting or voting on this agenda item.

Mr. Santos reviewed the list of employees with the Park Commission and informed the Commission that he was requesting the hourly wage for returning lifeguards be increased by \$0.50 per hour, above what the Commission had previously approved on May 24, 2023 in order to more closely align with wages paid by surrounding communities.

Mr. Bowen motioned to accept the list of seasonal part-time employees to be presented to the Select Board for final confirmation. Seconded by Mr. Roan and Carried...

Vote: 2 - 0 – 1, in favor, Mr. Chaves abstained

### **5. Director's Report:**

A. None

### **6. New Business:**

A. Park Commission to discuss improvements to Riverside and Wood Park Playgrounds

Mr. Santos informed the Commission that he and the staff would like to move forward with purchase and installation of a new playground for Riverside park, having an estimated equipment cost of \$50,000 to be funded via the previously donated Hamilton funds; and the purchase and installation of 2.5 bay swing system for Wood Park, in place of the existing playground to be funded using the remaining playground town meeting warrant article funds. Additionally, Mr. Santos expressed that he plans to apply for CPC funds by late June to cover the costs of additional playground equipment for Wood Park, and the associated site work and installation. Stating further that the funding

request to CPC would be for approximately \$75-\$100K. Mr. Santos reviewed the design renderings for playgrounds with the Commission. Discussion followed.

Mr. Roan asked why not focus on Wood Park first, then Riverside Park. Mr. Chaves stated that he felt what Mr. Roan suggested may be a better approach. Discussion followed.

Mr. Santos informed the Commissioners of the timeline for obtaining equipment once funding was approved, stating that the additional equipment he was hoping to purchase for Wood Park has a 16-20-week lead time, whereas all other equipment quoted and shown in the design renderings has an estimated manufacturing time of 8 weeks.

Mr. Bowen stated that he supported adding equipment to both spots, as well as the request for funds from CPC. Mr. Bowen stated further that he was in support of the plan presented by Mr. Santos.

After further discussion Mr. Roan and Mr. Chaves stated they also supported the plan Mr. Santos had laid out.

**7. Old Business:**

A. None

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

A. None

**9. Announcements/Adjournment**

Next meeting slated to be held on June 7, 2023, via Zoom at 7:30pm

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 9:07pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 3 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve:	Mr. Chaves
Second:	Mr. Bowen
Vote:	2 – 0, in favor
Date:	June 7, 2023