

Enfield Recreation Commission

April 19, 2022

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Attendance: Bridget Labrie, Mascoma Valley Parks and Recreation; Emily Curtis, Matt Young, Amy Stewart, Keli Green

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

Business

The meeting minutes from 3/15/22 were approved as presented.

(Mr. Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Stewart seconded. Vote unanimous in favor of the motion (3-0). Ms. Green abstained.

Mr. Young gave an update on the Branding Committee - Enfield Logo

There are many different “Enfield” images around town.

The committee is looking for a more modern representation of Enfield

“Rebranding” of seal: The committee looked at other town logos, discussed the current seal vs what the committee wants.

Another option is to shrink the current seal.

The seal/logo will be used for: uniforms, letterhead, etc... The plan is to come up with 4 or 5 prototypes with a voting process similar to the vote that the Enfield Leaps Committee held.

The Branding Committee is discussing whether or not to keep the seal of official purposes or to use it for t-shirts, hats, etc... as well.

People aren't moving here for 'work' anymore - the town wants an updated image to attract people moving to the area who may work remotely.

Next Committee meeting is 5/5/22 at 4 pm.

Ms. Labrie gave an update on the Easter Egg Hunt

70 pre-registered egg hunters + 45 on-site registrants (+ any non-registered add-ons) = 130 participants.

Notes/Suggestions:

- Age differentiate eggs without “chokeables” for the youngest egg hunters
- For nut allergies: Have ‘exchangeable’ candy for those with allergies (*Add to registration form)
- Handicap accessibility (*Add to registration form)
- Bring a bullhorn in future years so that instructions can be heard
- Consider starting earlier - 10am suggested

- Have activities for the 'pre' Egg Hunt time: bean bag toss, sidewalk chalk, Easter-ish coloring activities, etc.
- Use Lanyards, Name Tags, Shirts with Logo, etc... to Identify those involved in the official organization of the event.
- Consider asking a local group to assist with egg stuffing (Lioness Club, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, etc...)

Ms. Curtis and Ms. Labrie gave an update on the Recreation Director's position

Offer to 1st and 2nd choice candidates was declined by both.

Position has been reopened - applications are being solicited. Position is 35 hour/wk with benefits offered.

Ms Labrie led discussion about Signage at Parks (Huse, Shaker Rec, and Beach)

There have been some community complaints about rules and rules enforcement at Huse park. Signs at the Parks need to be updated - new signs need to be ordered.

At least one trash receptacle needs to be placed at Huse Park to encourage responsible trash disposal by park users.

Music played by park users needs to be appropriate for all ages and played at an appropriate volume.

Police will increase their patrol presence at the park.

Surveillance Camera installation was suggested.

Discussion ensued about getting the park users to feel tied to the space - a sense of community and pride. A Junior Recreation Commission was suggested - possibly with a 'Green Up Kickoff Event' with ice cream or small novelty snack for participants. The Junior Recreation Commission could put together an educational presentation and community flyers to be presented/distributed to the elementary and middle schools. Some sort of 'slogan' - buttons/signs/etc to promote personal responsibility and accountability to peers among park users.

Porta-Potty Update - Ms. Labrie

5/1/22 - 10/31/22 One Handicap Porta-Potty at Shaker Recreation Park and Huse Park

5/1/22 - 9/30/22 One Handicap Porta-Potty at the Boat Launch - the committee questioned whether this could be moved to the beach side of the road to make potty trips easier for those monitoring multiple children (eliminate the need to cross the road.)

6/30/22 - 10/31/22 (or 8/31/22?) A second Porta-Potty will be added to Shaker Recreation Park

Upcoming Recreation Events - Ms. Labrie

All summer camps are open for enrollment

3 summer camp weeks are already full.

Memorial Day Parade - Ms. Curtis & Ms. Labrie

No parade has been held for the past 2 years due to the COVID pandemic.

The parade organizer has retired.

Ms. Labrie will contact the High School Band Director to see if the band will be prepared to march in a Memorial Day Parade.

A list of other organizations to contact regarding the parade:

- Fire/Police/Ambulance
- Veterans
- Scouts (Boys & Girls)
- 4-H
- Community Band

Walking Trail at Shaker Recreation Park - Ms. Labrie

An Eagle Scout project has been proposed to restore the walking trail around Shaker Recreation Park that transitions to a cross-country ski trail in the winter.

Bike Repair “Fix It” Station - update from Ms. Labrie

The Recreation Department is looking to install a Bike Repair Station with funds received through “Vital Communities.” An application process through the “Local Crowd Upper Valley” will financially support a fundraising campaign similar to “Go Fund Me.” More information coming soon as to how to donate to the cause.

- Estimated costs: \$2700 for concrete base and fix it station with a bike pump
- Location to be finalized
- The Recreation Commission can assist with communication to community and users of the rail trail.

Employees Needed (High School Students welcome!)

Ages 15+ Recreation Camp and Lifeguards are needed for summer employment

Ages 18+ Theater Camp counselors needed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next meeting to be held on 5/17/22 at 6:30pm