Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes 5/13/2020

Present: Zack Boyajian [Chair], Ansel Sanborn [Secretary], Tom Jameson, Ewen MacKinnon, Robyn Eldredge

Public: Katie Nelson CNHRPC, Mark Thomas, Donna Chagnon

1] Chairman Zack Boyajian called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Mr. Boyajian read into the minutes:

As Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC), I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

- a] Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means.
- b] Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting.
- c] Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.
- d] Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote. The meeting was started by taking a roll call of attendees. Each member stated their presence and whether anyone was in the room with them during the meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law. The roll call was completed with the attendees noted above.

- 2] After review, a MOTION to approve the minutes of 4/8/2020 was made by Tom and seconded by Ewen. Roll call vote: Boyajian, aye; Sanborn, aye; Jameson, aye; MacKinnon, aye; Eldredge, aye. The MOTION passes. Zack approved and signed the minutes.
- 3] Mark Thomas introduced himself as a Chichester resident, retired Pembroke middle school cross country coach, and developer of Pembroke's cross country trails. Mark felt that Carpenter Park could be an excellent venue for middle school cross country meets. He described his vision for a two mile course. After discussion, Mark agreed to mark the trail with Ewen's help in advance of further discussion at our next meeting.

Mark also asked if the basketball court could be used for pickleball. He will investigate court size and line issues for further discussion.

- 4] Katie Nelson of CNHRPC discussed her work in developing the section on Recreational Facilities for the update to Chichester's Master Plan. The plan will summarize and map existing resources and look at needs for the next 10 years. She asked members to review her work for further discussion at a future meeting.
- 5] Merrill Construction completed the loaming and drainage work around the playground and seed and fertilizer were applied by Ewen. Various PRC members volunteered to water the newly seeded area.
- 6] Zack will coordinate issues of contracted tree removal and details of the mowing of the perimeter trail edges. Zack will approach the Board of Selectmen to request approval of an in person meeting following appropriate social distancing guidelines for our June meeting.

Having no further business, a MOTION to adjourn was made by Ansel and seconded by Tom. Roll call vote: Boyajian, aye; Sanborn, aye; Jameson, aye; MacKinnon, aye; Eldredge, aye. The MOTION passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Ansel Sanborn, Secretary

Not Approved Until Signed

Approved: