



# TOWN OF DIGHTON

## Parks and Recreation Commission

### REGULAR MEETING

Saturday April 16, 2022, at 2:00p.m.

Community Playground - 1059 Somerset Ave Dighton, Ma 02715

### MEETING MINUTES

**A: Meeting called to order by Chairman Kevin Smith Jr., at 2:03pm**

- **People present:**  
**Commission: Kevin Smith Jr., Suzanne Cote, Rachel Goulart**  
**Public: Vicki Piazza**

**B: Pledge of Allegiance recited**

**C: Announcements:**

- **Dighton Historical Society – Strawberry Festival – June 18, 2022, 8am-4pm at Town Hall Gazebo**
- **Dighton Lions Club – Cow Chip Festival – June 3-5, 2022, at Town Hall**
- **Dighton Firecracker Festival – July 9, 2022, at Town Hall**
- **Easter Egg Hunt recap – Thank you to our volunteers: Father’s House Family Church youth group, Selectman Leonard Hull, Nicole Mello, Mike Mullen, and of course, the Easter Bunny! Thank you to the Commission on Disability for use of the ADA mats to allow for an accessible area with elevated tables to house eggs. We had a great turn out! With approximately 9,000 eggs, fun was had by all.**
- **Sue Cote made a motion to take agenda out of order to skip Old Business and go to New Business. Rachel Goulart seconds. Motion carries unanimously.**

**D. New Business:**

- **Recognize the Commission.**
  - **Kevin Smith Jr., steps down as Chairman and motions to declare all positions open. Sue Cote seconds. Motion carries unanimously.**
  - **Sue Cote motions to nominate Rachel Goulart as Clerk. Kevin Smith Jr. seconds. Motion carries unanimously**
  - **Kevin Smith Jr. motions to nominate Sue Cote as Vice Chair. Rachel Goulart seconds. Motion carries unanimously**
  - **Sue Cote motions to nominate Kevin Smith Jr. as Chairman. Rachel Goulart seconds. Motion carries unanimously**
- **Kevin Smith Jr. Steps down as Chairman to motion that we resume agenda order and address Old Business. Sue Cote seconds. Motion carries unanimously**

#### **E. Old Business:**

- **North Dighton Playground.** Warrant article sent to Selectman to be put to vote in the Town election in June. Kevin has set up an agreement with Kompan representative Jeff Hochwater to put in purchase order for equipment now, instead of waiting for June vote. Order can be canceled, but production is starting so installation can happen as soon as possible if vote passes.
- **North Dighton Ballfield fencing.** South East Fence Co. came back with the best bid at \$29,000. Lighting is being addressed with TMLP.
- **MOD Grant project update.** Concrete completed at tennis courts and walkway completed at Town Hall. Walkway at Lane Field is starting Tuesday April 22, and should be completed by the first week of May. School Ln. to follow Lane Field completion.
- **School Ln basketball court.** Backboards and rims were ordered, and highway department has installed them.
- **Tennis Courts.** Paint for pickleball stripping and nets have been purchased. Stripping will be hand painted by Parks & Recreation Commission and volunteers.

#### **F. New Business:**

- **Discretionary spending for maintenance.**
  - Motion made by Sue Cote to approve a discretionary purchase amount up to \$1,000 to fast-track purchases. Rachel Goulart seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
- **Earth Day. On Saturday April 23, 2022, Parks & Rec will host coloring and recycling activities at the Community Playground at 12pm.**
  - Sue Cote motions for spend up to \$200 for Earth Day activities. Rachel Goulart seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
- **Friends of the Dighton Parks & Recreation Group.**
  - Kevin Smith Jr. Steps down as Chairman and motions to allow community members to create group. Sue Cote seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
  - Zach Laplante volunteered to meet with community members and Commission to explain how the friends' groups work, ie: 501(c)3.
  - Kevin will post of Facebook sites asking for volunteers for the group. So far Leah Quinn and Kelley Slavish have shown interest.
- **Dugout benches for North Dighton and Lane fields**
  - 15' aluminum bench w/no back is \$464.76 - Epic Sports
  - Sue Cote motions to purchase 4 aluminum benches not to exceed \$2050 from Epic Sports. Rachel Goulart seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
- **Firecracker Festival. July 9, 2022.**
  - Del's Lemonade & Toe Jam Puppet Band – yes.
  - Blount food truck is checking on date
  - Off The Cuff DJ has offered to MC the event for \$75/hour.
  - Rachel is reaching out to Barn Babies; Sue is reaching out to more food vendors and petting zoos.
  - Looking into: Sign Gypsies, Marc Kohler for face painting, more entertainment
- **Site Visits for maintenance checks**
  - Community Playground, Offspray Landing, Tricentennial Park, Lane Field, School Ln., Basketball and Tennis courts

**G. Minutes:**

- **Sue Cote motions to approve the meeting minutes from 3/21/2022. Kevin Smith Jr. steps down as Chairman to second. Motion carries unanimously.**

**H. Public Input:**

- **Vicki Piazza congratulates Rachel on her new position on the Commission and says she is very excited about the North Dighton Playground and is willing to help in any way she can.**

**I. Adjournment.**

- **Kevin Smith Jr steps down as Chairman and motions to adjourn meeting at 4:28pm. Rachel Goulart seconds. Motion carries unanimously.**