

Minutes
MONTPELIER RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

**Monday – March 17, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. in person at Montpelier Senior
Center and on Zoom**

Present: Peter Cohn, Heather Bailey, Chris Hancock, Tristian Cherry, Haidi Arias, Arne McMullen.

1. Call to order – Review Agenda – Call to Order 5:42pm
2. Public Presentations: N/A
3. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2025.
 - Motioned to approve by Chris
 - Seconded the motion by Peter
 - Motion Passed 4-0
4. Financial Statements

Reviewing the financial statements. The only line of concern is postage line.
Rec Admin Misc. – Refunds for summer camp
New this year is a child tax in the budget lines for employers
5. Old Business
 - a. Disc Golf
 - a. The plan is to start this spring. The Club is excited to get started.
 - b. Fees to charge are in conversation. Maybe start with donations and see how that works.
 - c. Fees will come from Tournaments or clinics for new beginners learning the sport. Maybe introducing a summer camp for youth and/or adults.
 - d. There will be concerns around this issue with Dog Walkers.
 - b. Presentation to the Council on Feb. 12th
 - a. Main goal for Rec. was to not have council sell the CC property.
 - b. Rec. also wanted to show the possibility of what a Community Center could look like.
 - c. Colchester Rec Center has been completed this past February. The grand opening of new facility was this past February.
 - d. CC Motion by Council – Not to sell the property and start working with private or non-profit.

6. New Business

- a. Low Cost Recreation Innovations for a stressed community. Brainstorming Session
 - a. See Below at c.
- b. RFP Process for Country Club Road Process for Long term Lease (Compatible Use)
 - a. From the last City Council meeting the City Council did amend the motion to open an RFP process. Looking into long-term leasing (3-5 years)
 - b. Child Care is interested in being part of the process. Turtle Island is in need of a space. 7000 sq.ft. (70 kids currently in their program)
 - c. April 9th – Submit RFP from interested parties. The City Council will discuss lease options along with city dept. needs and wants.
 - d. Hub will be submitting an RFP as well.
 - e. Rec current programming and rentals at the CC.
 - i. Mini gym program
 - ii. Lots of rentals for birthdays and meeting space.
 - f. Rec Dept will be submitting a space request for the CC property. Due by April 2nd
- c. Brainstorming Ideas
 - a. Dance studio (Hard Floor)
 - b. Steps into the future
 - c. Independent contract classes

7. Director's Report

- a. Pool Equipment Needed
 - a. The pool is in need of a new chlorinator and pool cleaner. It's very important we have these purchases before the summer season.
 - b. Haidi stated that without these two important purchases it would not be safe to open the pool.

8. Assistant Director/Pool Supervisor's Report

- a. Programming Updates: All summer programming is online and on website.

- b. Web Trac update: The registration portal now allows you to create your account. The staff will have to approve them online. This will help speed up the process of creating online accounts for programs and rentals.
- c. Summer Camp Update with staffing. We currently have 6 summer staff returning and 10 lifeguards returning to the pool this summer. This is a great start for the season.
- d. Summer camp registration – we are over 50% on registration.

9. Other Business

- a. Chocolate Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19th

Adjournment: 7:15pm

Next meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025.