

WHITEHALL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

May 12, 2021

Lamby Dog Park

The meeting of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chris Bolich.

On a roll call, in attendance: Chris Bolich, GERAL Leka, Mike McQuate, Katie Quincel, Director Shannon Sorrell, and Shannon Werner. Absent: Mike Adkins, John Fetters, and Nathaniel Stewart.

Bolich moved, seconded by Quincel, to excuse the absent members and the motion carried 4 – 0.

There were no guests to poll for questions or comments.

Bolich moved, seconded by Quincel, to approve the meeting minutes for March 10, 2021 and the motion carried 4 – 0.

The Commission reviewed the following items: Invoices, Trust Fund, budget, and income for March and April 2021.

Director's Report:

The May 1 "Open the Green" event had a great turnout and was very successful.

The May 15 "Park Beautification" event has had low signups, but staff is still hopeful. Hundreds of trees are ready to be planted in the woods in the lower level of Whitehall Community Park and hundreds of flowers are ready to landscape the YMCA.

Staff is also ready and excited to launch the Market on the Green on June 1.

The parks maintenance crew has been planting street trees and preparing the parks and facilities for the summer.

Sorrell and the Mayor recently met with the Whitehall Senior Center Club board members to reiterate that the center will only be open when staffed moving forward and the department has hired 2 staff members to accomplish this.

Chris Bolich raised serious concerns over the diminishing state of youth sports in Whitehall. Bolich feels the Parks and Recreation Commission has a mandate to ensure that youth sports are a viable entity for the community's youth and the time has come to address these problems in a serious way that is focused on finding solutions – whatever those solutions may be.

Sorrell agreed and suggested that the Commission set this as the number one agenda item for the July or August meeting. That meeting should be in-person and focused on goal-setting.

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There being no further business, Bolich moved, seconded by Quincel, and the meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

To the best of my knowledge, these minutes are true and correct.

Chairman John Feters

Prepared by:

Shannon Werner