



Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday 11/22/22 3:30

Attendance: Beth Cook, Chelsea Loughran, Lindsey White, Peter Morris (arrived late), Drew Locke(absent) Krista Edwards (absent) Damion Clements
Guest: Open Space and Recreation- Jeff Thibodeau consultant from Helios Land Design, Janice Parky from the Open Space Committee

1. Reviewed and approved minutes from October 25, 2022
2. Board Member Update: Christine McGee will be interviewed possibly 12/6, Stephanie Rein will check with the select board
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan- Jeff Thibodeau presented from Helios Land Design. Janice Parky was present from the Open Space Committee. Jeff is working on a comprehensive plan for the town of Truro. He is working on looking at all open space and recreation in the town. The plan/report is to comprehensively inventory, document and analyze all possible open and recreation space. These plans are required to be done every seven years to be eligible for state targeted grant opportunities. The report will help guide the town in where it might want to go in the next seven years in regards to open space and recreation.

A major part of the process is surveying the public. A survey has been created and active. [Town of Truro 2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan Public Survey](#)
At this time, the survey has been active for the last 2-3 weeks. 85 responses so far. The survey is due to close November 30, 2022. The deadline may be extended. The survey will filter into the plan to help guide goals and objectives.
February 15, 2023 the report is due.

What counts as open space? Protected land in perpetuity, looking at lands that are not protected. The Open Space Committee met 10/ 7/22 and 11/4/22. They updated the select board on 11/9/22. 11/17/22 had an open space open forum, not many people attended to get input about possible open space. The town has circulated other surveys which will help the open space committee and this comprehensive plan. The surveys and Jeff's help are hoping to draw from the other surveys to guide the plan.

The Truro Open Space and Recreation plan has ten sections: executive summary, introduction, community setting-history population/growth, environmental inventory and analysis, inventory of all the lands of conservation/recreation interest public/non profit, brief outline of the community vision, analysis of needs which comes from the survey, goals and objectives, action plan and letters of support from boards. Jeff is looking for the RAC feedback of our vision for the future of recreation.

Our conversations have been centered around the Walsh Property and Snows field. The decisions that happen surrounding these properties can have an impact on what we would like to see happen in regards to recreation space. If the DPW stays where it is, a

well be drilled which would eliminate Snow's field as a recreation space. Where will soccer or t- ball go?

Our committee has not determined what we need as far as fields etc. RAC has talked about different ideas/hopes of what we would like: soccer fields, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, walking trails and walking tracks.

At this time, CYP has a plan to enhance Snow's field with 2 pickleball courts but it keeps being pushed due to the uncertainty of the DPW.

Head of the Meadow and Corn Hill will be repaved and reconfigured and is set to be done in 2024.

Jeff advised us to look at different areas in town. We take some notes on a map of some wishes and our vision. Jeff is hoping for feedback from us by December 7, 2022 to incorporate into the plan. He would like a letter of support for the plan which is due in January. Chelsea requested an example of a letter of support from Jeff.

4. Other business

Chelsea- plugged the Polar Express Event 12/16. Truro Rec, Ptown Rec and the Truro Family Group are putting on the event. She encouraged the committee to help and sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea9af2ea3f9c70-polar>

5. Director's Report

Damian- registration is through Provincetown Recreation, 28 people can be on the trolley. It will start on the pier, hot chocolate, ride through Provincetown, the North Pole will be at the library with Santa.

An offer has been made and accepted for the Deputy Director for Recreation Beach. Damian will make an announcement in the next couple weeks. The COA position has been reposted.

Current Activities- the gym at the Rec. Dept is being used by pickleball players who have signed up for gym time. Damian is looking into a pickleball clinic for beginners and advanced beginners for about 8 people.

In the past TCS has had 3 courts but have had issues with the tape damaging the floor. Damian has provided new tape to test just waiting to see if it works.

Volleyball- drop in on Wednesday nights.

Yoga- Tuesday and Fridays

Youth Basketball registration open and closing possibly on 11/25 with a possible extension.

The budget will be submitted in January.

Meeting adjourned at 530

