

Recreation Commission Minutes for August 27th Meeting

Location: Brentwood Town Offices (Recorded for the Public)



Present

Andrew Gray (Recreation Director)
Jason Gagnon (Program Coordinator)
Julie Velevis (Recreation Board Chair)
Jim McIntyre (Recreation Board Vice Chair)
Joseph Tammik (Member)
Jody Phillips (Alternate)
Laura Hajjar (Alternate)

The Recreation Commission meets to review and discuss past, present and future events and programs.

Velevis called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm, seconded by McIntyre, all were in favor. The meeting was held at the Brentwood Town Offices and was recorded for the public.

Group Discussion (The public can join for questions of the Recreation Commission)

- Minutes – Everyone who attended the August 27th meeting signed the August 13th minutes.
- Velevis motioned to have Hajjar and Phillips voted in to fill absent board seats at the August 27th meeting. Tammik seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Gray announced his resignation, and September 11th will be his final day at Brentwood Recreation.
- Wind Screens – Gagnon provided 3 quotes from BSN Sports for Wind Screens to the Pickleball Courts.
 - Commission would like additional quotes before moving forward.
- Facility and Field Rates – Gagnon and Gray have been working on updating our rates for field and facility rentals. The proposal was not ready to be shared at this meeting but will be brought before the commission at a later date.
- Furnace – Currently waiting to receive additional quotes. Gray has received 2 of the 4 quotes we're expecting. Gray will be chasing down the other 2 quotes before he leaves.
- Field Aeration – Gray provided the Recreation Commission with 3 quotes from Lawn Doctor for Aeration and Seeding of multiple locations on the facility.
 - Gray approved the work around the Pickleball Court to reseed in dirt patches.
 - Velevis recommended that we look for other vendors for field work for 2026.

- The Recreation Commission decided to hold off on Aerating the Upper and Lower fields until the spring due to current field conditions and lack of rain.

New Business – Anything else to be discussed?

- The Recreation Commission briefly discussed the rough draft of the Department's 2026 budget. The rough draft is due before the Select Board by Monday, September 15th. The department plans on keeping a level budget with the only increase being the Program Coordinator's salary as voted by the town in the Spring of 2025.
 - The rough draft will be sent to the Chair and Vice-Chair prior to being submitted.
- Jody discussed ideas for the 250th 4th of July Parade in 2026.
- The Recreation Commission will be postponing the fundraiser to raise funds for an office addition to the Recreation Community Center.
- Gagnon proposed to postpone the Haunted Walk until 2026 to allow the limited time of the Program Coordinator to focus on other events that are further in development for the fall of 2025.
 - Board agreed to hold off due to current staff changes.

Next Meeting – September 24th, 2025

Meeting End Time: Velevis motioned to end at 7:47 pm, Tammik seconded. All were in favor.