



# TOWN OF SHARON

## MEETING NOTICE

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**Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Sharon Community Center**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

**Present:** Gary Bluestein, Steve Ferrara, Erin Wilkinson, Cheryl Whiting, Lori Morgan, Landon Goldfarb  
**Staff:** Linda Berger, Frank Livera

**Guest: Nancy Bass (Dog Park Committee):** She stated that they need Board Members. They are using mostly Facebook. Everything is going well-no dog or people fights. Park needs some wood chips but the facility is in good shape. Financially they are doing okay. Going to advertise for Board Members. Veronica suggested that they contact SCTV to do a public service announcement for their fundraiser.

**Guest: Julie Rowe (Standing Building Committee/School Committee):** There are going to be natural grass fields at the high school –anticipating in spring. Need a couple of seasons before it can be played on. Maybe next spring or fall. She described in detail the process to installing the softball/baseball fields and tennis courts.

**Approval February Minutes:** Hold off on February minutes

**Director's Report:** Linda stated that we had a successful Cops, Crafts & Kids event during February Vacation week. Frank spoke about the basketball season; grades 3-8 wrapped up-SCTV was there. More girls played this year which was good to see. The program runs well but can definitely use more volunteers, especially coordinators. Overall a very good season. The Polar Plunge was held and Linda wants to let the people who oversee it makes sure in the future that no parking is allowed on the lawn as there is irrigation and we do not want the lines punctured. Summer positions are still open but so far we're in good shape for the season. Registration on March 2<sup>nd</sup> went off without a hitch. We have several upcoming April Vacation programs. Colleen Durno will be running a pickleball tournament on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The new pre-school room opened up which is getting heavily used certainly more than the old game room. Docks to be installed were postponed due to impending nor'easter. Cost analysis needs volunteers: Erin/Lori/Gary offered to do. The Dog Park is a 401C3 whereas the Community Garden is not. Need to be consistent across the board. The volunteer basis of people helping to maintain fields is dwindling – need to find money in SYBSA/Soccer accounts to possibly use for field maintenance. Bathrooms will be opened up mid-April. Eagle Scouts will be making new benches for Deborah Sampson Park as the old ones are in disrepair. MRPA Conference to be held from March 27<sup>th</sup>-March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Liaison Update:** A new high school principal on board Kristen Kennough – she is presently headmaster at Taunton High School with over 10 years' experience and will be starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Donald Family donated

sizeable funds to be used for scholarships – 3 children will get \$3,000.00 each. There is \$340,000.00 in the trust presently.

Gary stated that the Lake Management Committee will be going forward with testing as the budget has been increased.

**Old Business:** Mollie will be doing preschool classes just not sure of the timeline yet. Need to remove the barrels from Gavins as people are just leaving bags of dog waste on top of them. Linda wanted the Committee to know that Joel Gopen passed away. He was instrumental in Beech Tree Park and will be sorely missed. Mim Gopen designed all donations in his memory to go to Beech Tree Park.

**Business Not Known Within 48 Hours:** Quick update – taking the train out of Ames Street Playground – new piece being installed “Wright’s Firehouse” and a Farmers Market will be put in its place.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Landon/Steve; all in favor-zero opposed.

**Next Meeting:** April 27<sup>th</sup> as Linda will be out the week before.