
Town of Atherton
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES



1. ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Matt Baker, Alicia Bakowski, Alex Keh (Chair), Kathryn Klaus (Vice-Chair)- Absent Excused, Frank Merrill- Absent Excused, Julianna Robertson, Marylue Timpson
Councilmember Liaisons: Rick DeGolia
Staff: Sally Bentz-Dalton

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February Minutes – Motion by Alex Keh, Second by Julianna Robertson 5-0
September Minutes – Motion by Julianna Robertson, Second by Alex Keh

4. PRESENTATIONS –

4a. Michael Jessup with Player Capital Tennis to give an update on management of the tennis court- Michael discussed the tennis court usage which is up and the busiest he has ever seen due to Covid-19. Tennis club people are using the courts. Michael mentioned that there are more no-shows.

Michael said that the new resurfaced courts are really nice and play well, but will be cracking within months. Courts 4 & 5 are the most cracked. Michael would like to have the town install new courts or have metacrylic installed which is approximately \$20,000 per court. He suggested raising the key rates. Alex Keh asked Michael to come back with a proposal for the metacrylic courts. Rick DeGolia proposed adding a discussion of the key fee. Marylue Timpson discussed a fee between \$75-90.

4b. Susan Knox will give an update on the Playschool- Susan discussed the Playschool. There are approximately 8 Atherton students and 48 students total. 12 children per classroom. Parents and teachers are required to wear masks. Children over 3 are recommended to wear a mask. Touchless temperatures are taken daily. The Playschool closed March 13th. There was a one 4 week summer session on September 1st with half capacity.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5a. Staff to discuss the turnaround design at the end of the Holbrook-Palmer Park Pavilion parking lot and a motion could be made to recommend design to staff

Staff discussed updated turnaround design. It was discussed that the design in the master plan is a turnaround and if the committee wishes to move away from this design it would need to be approved by the Planning Commission. Robert Ovadia stated that the proposed design by Alex Keh could reduce the number of stalls because of the angled parking. Marylue Timpson said that there should be signage for no parking. Alex Keh said to paint the curb reds and not to add more signs. After discussion the committee came to a concurrence and is willing to consider a small sign for the turnaround and that the stall should be delineated by a stencil, edge and or red curb. Robert Ovadia stated that the final design will come back to the committee for final design.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS –

6a. The Ad Hoc Sign Committee with present and discuss park signage. Matt Baker and Alicia Bakowski presented the sign presentation. Matt Baker visited Gamble Gardens and saw no signs or rules. The sign ad hoc committee suggested that the park signs are current and appropriate and that temporary signs are okay. The committee agreed that the park is mostly a walking park and that more positive messaging should be presented to park users. The committee recommended that there should be a standard for all signs to include the same font, font size, material and can include pictographs. Twice it was brought up that more speed bumps could be considered rather than adding more speeding signs.

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

7a. Foundation report: Alicia Bakowski stated that they will be meeting in October and will give an update at the next meeting.

7c. Park goings on reports and Q&A: Staff opened item to the Committee for questions and discussion.

7c. Park Events Report: Staff opened item to the Committee for questions. Alex Keh had a question under the Financial report for Park Programs Salaries and Benefits at 44% after 4 months. Staff will get Alex Keh an answer on the percentage.

7d. Individual Committee Member Comments

8. SET/CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

November 4th, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Location TBD.

Tentative topics:

9. ADJOURN - Alex Keh adjourned meeting at 7:47 pm with a motion my Marylue Timpson and 2nd by Matt Baker – 5-0.