

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020, 7:00 AM**

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 modifying the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee, to ensure the safety of all participants, held its meeting remotely via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82645128553>, Meeting ID: 826 4512 8553.

Members present: Alex Cobb, Trevor MacDonald, Michelle Callanan, Kristin Barbieri, Melissa Crocker, Charlie Hipwood, Mark Ferris, Ben Polimer, Mike McGrath, Pete Foley, Christopher Fitzgerald.

Members absent: John Power

The meeting started at 7:05 AM.

Resident Comments: None

Minutes: The minutes from the May 15 meeting were reviewed and approved.

COVID-related field openings

The committee discussed the Recreation field openings within current restrictions and the school's approach to open school fields. Weston Little League has requested use of the 90-ft. baseball diamond for the older players. Most Recreation facilities are opened with restrictions. User groups requesting permits must meet requirements in Phase II. Signs and phase II requirements are attached (Attachment 1).

Select Board presentation

Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Cobb and Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the Master Plan presentation to the Select Board at their June 9 meeting. Finance Committee was present and gave input but did not offer criticism, the intent was to officially present publicly. All thought the plan was well received.

Updates

Memorial Pool – Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the pool was closed for the summer due to concerns related to safety around the COVID-19 limitations, finances, and the failure of a pump that is critical to pool operation. A Recreation Commission meeting was held on June 16 to hear public concern around the pool closing and to build a citizens' committee to help build support for the pool project. The RMPSC briefly discussed the planned renovation, Mr. Cobb encouraged the Recreation Commission to seek design funding at the soonest available time so that the RMPSC can begin lining up other projects.

High School / Middle School Feasibility

Nothing changed since last meeting. Town meeting is tentatively scheduled for September.

Burchard Park Maintenance

Memo submitted to the town, all parties are considering ways to approach request.

Pickleball and Bocce

These items were mentioned at the Select Board meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald spoke of a proposed bocce court as part of an Eagle Scout project years ago. Timing was not right as they wanted to build it just outside of the COA section of the Weston Community Center; the construction of the existing soccer field had just been put under contract so the area was off limits. Could be re-visited but need to consider recess from Field School taking place in the area.

Pickleball is being offered through Recreation this summer within COVID restrictions. There was interest among the committee in considering pursuing pickleball courts after the pool project.

High School Graduation, impact on fields

The high school graduation took place as a drive-through ceremony on Field 3. Minor damage took place, nothing requiring extensive work, everything went well.

Next meeting:

Friday, August 21, 7 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 AM.

Attachment 1: Signs and regulations for Recreation Field access

Basketball Court Rules

- Open for use by individuals and members of the same household.
- No pickup games.
- Keep 6-feet of social distance from others at all times.
- Facemasks encouraged.

Thank you for enjoying this court responsibly. With your help, the Town of Weston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will continue to safely progress through a phased re-opening and achieve a new normal efficiently and effectively.

Field Use Rules

- Open for use by individuals and members of the same household.
- No pickup games.
- Limited group activities allowed via permit through the Weston Recreation Department.
- Keep 6-feet of social distance from others at all times.
- Facemasks encouraged.

Must be an established Youth or Adult Sports organization to request a permit. Thank you for enjoying this field responsibly. With your help, the Town of Weston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will continue to safely progress through a phased re-opening and achieve a new normal efficiently and effectively.

Tennis Court Rules

- Singles play only.
- Doubles matches, lessons and tournaments prohibited.
- Non-tennis activities prohibited.
- When courts are full, please wait outside of gate until a court opens and users exit.
- No congregating or lingering on or near the courts before or after play.
- Please wear facemasks when entering and exiting the court. Masks not required during play.
- Maintain 6-feet of social distance at all times.
- Do not touch gates, benches or bleachers.
- Play time limited to 1-hour while others are waiting.

The US Tennis Association also recommends the following:

- Play with a new ball and rotate new ones into play when possible.
- Avoid use of your hands to pick up balls when possible.
- Consider numbering/markings and picking up your own ball only.
- Do not share racquets or personal equipment.
- Stay on your side of the court; avoid changing ends of the court.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
- Avoid physical contact like handshakes or high fives.

Playground Rules

- Maintain 6-feet of social distancing from others at all times.
- Facemasks required.
- Parents/guardians must supervise play and enforce social distancing and facemask wearing.
- Seek alternative facilities if playground is crowded.
- Do not visit playground if you or your child is sick.
- Wash hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before and after using playground.

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POLICIES FOR ORGANIZED YOUTH AND ADULT SPORT ACTIVITIES ON FIELDS AND COURTS

State of Massachusetts COVID-19 Re-opening plan, phase II.

In consideration Governor Charlie Baker's phased in re-opening plan, some organized youth and adult sports activities will be permitted on Weston fields during Phase II. Permits will be considered for established organized youth and adult sport groups and applicable activities organized through the Weston Recreation Department. Permits for individuals will not be considered. Organized youth and adult sport groups demonstrate they can meet and enforce all Phase II requirements below before being permitted for field use.

- All attendees, including participants, coaches, staff, volunteers, and spectators must have NO signs or symptoms of COVID-19 for 14-days.
- Activities will be limited to supervised no-contact drills and general training exercises only.
- Maximum 12-people per playing surface, including players, coaches, staff and volunteers. Groups must remain at least 20-feet apart from other groups sharing the same field or court.
- Social distance of at least 6-feet must be maintained at all times. Contact of any kind is not permitted.
- No games, including scrimmages or pickup games.
- No umpires, referees or officials.
- Participants may remove facemasks during activity, provided 6-feet of social distance can be maintained.
- Coaches, volunteers and staff must wear facemasks at all times.
- Spectators are limited to one adult per child, must stay off of field and grandstands, wear facemasks and maintain 6-feet of distance from others.
- First aid kit, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes must be provided by the user group and available at all fields or courts being used.
- Coaches, volunteers and participants must stay in same group at all times. No switching groups or fields during activity.
- No high-fives, fist bumps or other social contact.
- No sharing of equipment. Participants should be encouraged to use their own personal equipment. Equipment provided by the organization may not be shared by participants and must be cleaned and sanitized between activity sessions.
- Use of water fountains, water bubblers, bottle fillers are prohibited.
- No shared food or drink. Bottled water may be provided by organization but individual bottles must not be shared. Participants may also bring own pre-filled water bottles for personal use.
- Participants, coaches, staff and volunteers must wash hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer at the beginning and end of all activities.
- Participants must arrive dressed for the activity and leave immediately after. No recreational play or loitering is permitted.
- Drop off times must be staggered by time and/or location among groups.

- The organization is required to keep a log with name, phone number and email of all coaches, staff, volunteers, participants, and spectators that attend, and provide a copy to the Recreation Department after the activity.
- Anybody who develops symptoms during the activity must be removed immediately and instructed to return home.
- Participants, organizers, spectators and volunteers in high risk categories should not participate or attend.

The Organization agrees to abide by, enforce, and take sole responsibility for complying with all COVID-19 related limitations, including ones not listed here as COVID-19 related safety practices continue to evolve, in order to be granted a permit to conduct small group activities on this field or court.

Organization _____

Representative name and position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____