

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022, 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. A link was provided for participation by members of the public in real time.*

**Members present:** Melissa Crocker, Kelly Larocque, Trevor MacDonald, Charlie Hipwood, Alex Cobb, Shirley Small-Rougeau, Kate Carlson, Attia Linnard, Ben Polimer, Christopher Fitzgerald.

**Absent:** Mark Ferris, Mike McGrath, Pete Foley.

**Guest:** Patrick McGuire, representative from Activitas.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM.

**Resident Comments:** None.

**Previous meeting minutes:** The minutes from the December 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Pickleball Feasibility:**

Patrick McGuire from Activitas discussed information needed for the pickleball feasibility study, including any surveys and geotechnical information that can be made available. He can find national numbers on how many tennis courts are typically available per capita but there are not reliable numbers related to pickleball. Information clarified included:

- Number of courts – preferably 4-6
- Sizes – need areas ranging from 30'X60' to 44'X74 foot depending on court intent
- Fencing, lighting and other specifics will impact size
- Baffle walls would be needed to reduce sound, natural barriers and windscreens have little if any effect

Perceived advantages, disadvantages and challenges with each of the locations identified for consideration were discussed, Mr. McGuire will work with Mr. Polimer and Mr. Fitzgerald to gather the information needed and attempt to estimate cost prior to the scheduled CPC meeting on February 7.

**Fields and Grounds budget:**

Mr. Polimer discussed the Field and Grounds budget plan for FY 23. He will work with Mr. Fitzgerald to arrange for feasibility and planning of tennis court rehabilitation, using \$10,000 from a Tennis Court capital request that Mr. Fitzgerald has included in the Recreation Department budget request.

**Project updates:**

- Memorial pool – Mr. MacDonald discussed progress on design for Memorial Pool renovation and that a public information session is being planned for February.
- High School / Middle School Feasibility – no progress reported.

**Future meetings:** The next meeting will take place on Friday, February 18, 2022, 7 AM.

*The meeting adjourned at 7:47 AM.*