



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SUB-COMMITTEE**

Meeting Location: Zoom

Meeting Date: April 1, 2021

Time: 2:30 PM

Attendees: David Shofi, Phil Kearns, Pete Nichols, Dennis DiPinto, Bob Schneider

Sub-Committee: (Check One)

- ☐ Aquatic & Program
- ☐ Budget & Policy
- ☒ Buildings & Grounds
- ☐ Marketing, Promotion and Memberships
- ☐ Special Services, Community Outreach, Customer Services
- ☐ Strategic Planning & Annual Goals

Agenda

- **Agenda:** Motion to approve made by Phil Kearns, and seconded by Pete Nichols.
- **Minutes:** Motion to approve made by Phil Kearns, and seconded by Pete Nichols.
- **Items Discussed:**

1. Ridgefield Playhouse (RP) request for use of Parks and Fields for staged events in Summer 2021.
 - Dennis explained areas that could work for staged events and Playhouse supports the use of Ciucolli Field for these events due to the close proximity to the Playhouse and its parking. Lastly, Dennis indicated that smaller tent events could be set-up either in the skate park parking area or the grass adjacent that location.
 - The subcommittee agreed that this Summer, solely due to the effects of COVID pandemic, Ciucolli Field could be made available for up to four (4) RP events as long as rules and regulations are followed and RP:
 1. Identifies event dates for Parks and Recreation by May 3, 2021, and agrees to pay \$500 facility fee per event.
 2. Ridgefield Playhouse pays outstanding 2020 balance of \$1,100 for use of Ballard Park to Parks and Recreation.
 3. Avoids weekdays that conflict with Men's and Women's Softball
 4. Avoids events on Tuesdays and Thursdays that would compete with CHIRP concerts.
 5. Covers costs to repair any damage to field as a result of RP event(s).



6. Understands that weather may require P&R to cancel the event due to poor field conditions

- The subcommittee also agreed that this Summer, solely due to the effects of COVID pandemic, Ballard Park could be made available for up to two (2) RP events so long as town regulations are followed and so long as RP:
 1. Identifies event dates for Parks and Recreation by May 3, 2021.
 2. All COVID-19 protocols and other park rules are followed.

Action Items/Next Steps:

2. Dennis will share these conditions with Ridgefield Playhouse Executive Director and answer any questions on the use of the two venues.

Motion to adjourn at 3:15PM made by: Phil Kearns, and seconded by Pete Nichols. Minutes submitted by: David Shofi.