

**Pomfret Recreation Commission
Minutes of April 8, 2024
Pomfret Town Hall 7pm**

Call to Order: Katie Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Members Present: Katie Bloom, Steve Kulig, Muriel Mrakovich, Mary Collins,

Other Attendees: Carrie Wolfe, Rec. Director, Jen Hudock, Heather Merson, Christian Smutnick

Members Absent: Mark Howdle, Alexis Gregory, Bev Champany

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve minutes from the March 11, 2024, meeting was raised by Katie Bloom and seconded by Muriel Mrakovich. Minutes approved.

Past / Current Programs:

- Winter Cribbage League 11/7/23-4/2/24
 - Extended to make up for snow days
- Before School Wiffle Ball & Kick Ball has ended
- Easter Egg Hunt was held on the rain date 3/30/24
 - Big success!
- Udon Noodle Cooking Class was held on 4/6/24
 - Eight people attended

Upcoming Programs:

- Make Your Own Wooden Pen Class 4/20/24
 - Pomfret Community Center at 10:00am
 - Slots are filling up
- Before School Multi-Sports 4/22/24 - 5/31/24
- Spring Social 4/26/24
 - PCS Cafeteria at 6:00pm – 7:30pm, set up 3:30pm
 - Commission Members attending: Katie, Alexis, Mary, Muriel
- Maki Rolls and Bowls with Chef Brian Dunn 4/29/24
 - Pomfret Community Center at 6pm
 - Commission Members urged to share on social media

- Fishing Derby 6/2/24 (rain date 6/9/24)
 - 8:00am check-in
 - Commission Members attending: Katie, Steve, Mary, Bev, Muriel (TBC)
 - Young Marines to volunteer
- Lego Camp 7/15-7/19
 - Transportation Engineering Theme
- Family Paint Night 6/5/24
 - PCS Cafeteria 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - \$20 per piece (cups, mugs, bowls, etc.)

New Business:

- Quiet Corner New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) event
 - NEMBA is a community of mountain bikers committed to creating epic riding experiences, preserving open space, and guiding the future of mountain biking in New England
 - Heather Merson and Christian Smutnick from the Quiet Corner NEMBA attended the meeting to discuss a collaboration with the Rec Department to host a family biking event at the Rec Park
 - Event Date: 7/20/24 (rain date 7/27)
 - Pomfret Rec Park 9:00am – 11:00am followed by lunch (paid separately)
 - Paid event: \$5 per person (pre-registration only/no walk-ins)
 - Waivers will be required
 - There will be 2 ride leaders per groups of 10 riders
- Commission Chair Position
 - Katie Bloom has been filling the role of interim Commission Chair
 - Murial Mrakovich motioned to vote Katie as Commission Chair; Mary Collins seconded; vote approved
- Commission Secretary
 - Katie Bloom would like to hand over the role of Commission Secretary to another Commission Member; to be further discussed at the next meeting
- Donation
 - The Rec Department received a \$100 charitable donation from the Thomas & Tracy Kind Fund
 - The money will be deposited into the Rec Department general fund
- General Rec Park Updates
 - The Tennis courts need to be resurfaced; Carrie Wolfe is working with a company to resurface the tennis and basketball courts
 - Looking to add a pickleball court to the Rec Park
 - The Rec Department insurance company is still evaluating the new playscape; requires pictures of the assembled playscape

- The Rec Commission would like to expand its Social Media presence to reach out to a broader audience
 - Katie Bloom to set up an Instagram, TikTok and X (formerly Twitter) accounts
- Ideas for future events
 - Carrie Wolfe is setting up meetings with the Rec Directors of Woodstock and Thompson to build relationships with surrounding towns and to work together on trips
 - Volleyball
 - Plans in the works to offer Volleyball program
 - Summer Basketball
 - Putting feelers out for coaches; potential to work with surrounding schools
 - Teen trip to the Adventure Park in Storrs or Six Flags in Agawam, Ma

Meeting Adjourned: Katie Bloom called to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bloom
Commission Chair