

**MINUTES**  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 6:00PM**  
**Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall**

**Members Present:** BJ Popielasz, Jamie Burns, Pat Dempsey and Jamie Yakushewich

**Members Absent:** Tim Sadick

**Others Present:** Mary McNelis, Frank Gabianelli, John Fracker

**ITEM #1: Meeting called to order by the Chairman**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

**ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Approve minutes of the previous meeting**

No minutes to approve.

**ITEM #4: Old Business**

None.

**ITEM #5: Public Comment**

None.

**ITEM #6: Public Works Director Report**

Frank Gabianelli, Public Works Director, provided an update on spring projects and maintenance. He reported that spring renovations and park cleanups have begun, totaling approximately 112 driver hours and 80 laborer hours. Public Works has also been preparing the fields for the upcoming baseball season.

Mr. Gabianelli requested that the Commission develop a proposed fee schedule for use of the turf field to be presented to the Board of Selectpersons in the near future.

The Commission discussed contacting surrounding municipalities to compare their turf field rental rates and policies. Discussion included whether fees should be established on an hourly or daily basis and what should be included in the rental fee, such as custodial costs. The Commission is awaiting information regarding rates charged by surrounding towns.

The Commission also discussed the \$4,000 rate previously established by the Board of Education. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting in May.

**ITEM #7: Parks and Rec. Director Report**

John Fracker, Parks & Recreation Manager, and Mary McNelis, Director of Community Services, provided an update on current Parks & Recreation programs. They reported that the aquatics program, including swim lessons and open swim, was brought back and will continue through early June.

Summer camps are currently underway and will run through July 31st. The Middle School Camp is sold out, while enrollment for the Recreation Camp and Pre-K Camp remains low.

**ITEM #8: Parks Commission Chairman Report**

None.

**ITEM #9: Other Business**

Publics Works was commended on their hard work on the softball field.

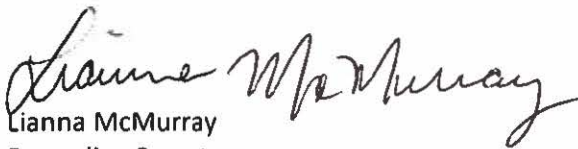
**ITEM #10: Public Comment**

None.

**ITEM #11: Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lianna McMurray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lianna" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McMurray".

Lianna McMurray  
Recording Secretary