

Rec Committee Feb 26 Meeting

Attendance: Chrisine McGee, Stephanie Rein, Beth Cook, Damion Clements, Drew Locke, Peter Morris, Lindsey White, Hannah King from the Disabilities Commission

Absent: Austin Smith and Chelsea Loughran

The Recreation Committee meeting on February 26 focused on the proposal to install communication boards at Puma Park to promote inclusion and accessibility for students with disabilities. Funding for the project was discussed, with challenges noted in accessing funds from the Friends of Recreation account. Collaboration with other organizations, such as the Turo Library, was suggested to share financial responsibilities. The Department of Public Works would handle installation logistics.

Stephanie suggests collaborating with the Truro library's Friends group to share the cost, as the communication boards would benefit both groups. The conversation shifts to other aspects of Puma Park, such as playground divisions and the need for physical restraints to prevent older children from using equipment intended for toddlers.

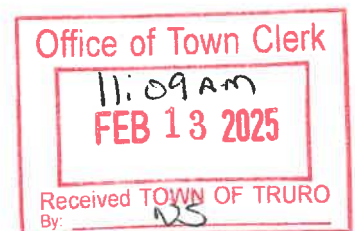
Damion provides updates on staffing and programming, mentioning the success of the February break program but noting some issues with attendance and potential adjustments to registration processes. Christine suggests exploring options for opening up daytime slots if there are vacancies, and Damion agrees to discuss this with the relevant staff. Elizabeth adds that coordination with the school is necessary for releasing students to the program, and Kathy is involved in checking attendance throughout the day.

After School/Summer Recreation Program

More outdoor time for summer recreation was suggested, at arrival head up to playground before the sun is too hot

Ideas are also exchanged about utilizing different locations for vacation programs to provide a change of scenery and outdoor opportunities for children. Concerns about shade and shelter at playgrounds and the school are raised, with a focus on improving amenities for both children and adults. Overall, there's a consensus on the importance of collaboration and improving facilities to better serve the community.

Concerns raised about maintaining consistent rules and behavior management strategies among staff members, especially with new hires



Planning for summer recreation is underway including activities and scheduling. Swim Lessons: Plans are being made to offer swims lessons as part of the summer rec program

Community Events: Appreciation event, Easter Egg Hunt

Youth Engagement and Programming:

-discussion about engaging youth in different sports and activities, field hockey, pickleball, tennis, discussed offering diverse activities to attract kids from different age groups

Action Items:

Coordinate a meet up with Wellfleet/Ptown Rec Commission

Senior Engagement with youth

Reaching other age groups 3-5 age group, teens and beyond

