



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

Recreation Commission

141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601

RECREATION COMMISSION

July 13, 2026

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Call To Order by Tony Lapolla, Vice-Chair, at 5:30 PM

1. Notice of Recording: Please note that this meeting is being recorded and will be replayed via Xfinity Channel 8 or high-definition Channel 1072. It may also be accessed via the Government Access Channel live video on demand archives on the Town of Barnstable's website:

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B. Roll Call

1. Commissioners Present: Tony Lapolla, Vice Chair, Tim Lus, Christina Carrington
2. Commissioners Absent: Rene King, Brendan Burke
3. **Also Present:** Mark Boardley – Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager, Krissanne Caron – Assistant Director of Community Services

II. OLD BUSINESS - None

III. NEW BUSINESS – Employee Of The Year Awards

- A. HYCC Recreation Assistant – Lily Goetz, Presented by Stephen Headley, Youth Center Manager
- B. Leisure Program Counselor – Connor O'Reilly, presented by George Noonan, Assistant Recreation Director
- C. Recreation Assistant – Maeve Malloy, presented by Kellie Crawley, Program Coordinator
- D. Gate Attendant – Victoria Richardson, presented by Kellie Crawley, Program Coordinator
- E. Lifeguard – Dierdre Mullin, presented by George Noonan, Assistant Recreation Director
- F. Beach Aide – Walker White, presented by Kellie Crawley, Program Coordinator

IV. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Hyannis Youth and Community Center - Mark Boardley, Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager
 1. General Programming or Administrative
 - a. HYCC budget was approved by the Town Council on June 11, 2026
 - b. Unity Day will be held at the HYCC on Friday, August 7, 2026, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm
 - c. HYCC Color Guard had their first performance at the Centerville 4th of July parade
 2. Ice News
 - a. Camps and clinics are keeping the ice busy with 7 weeks of day camps booked through mid-August and multiple clinics and leagues utilizing multiple evening hours
 - b.
 3. Gym/Youth Center News
 - a. Camps, clinics and leagues are keeping the gym busy with seven weeks of day camps booked through August with multiple leagues and clinics utilizing the gym during the evening hours
 - b. HYCC High School Summer Volleyball Leagues are playing each Tuesday and Thursday with 17 teams over 12 Cape Cod High Schools playing in JV and Varsity divisions
- B. Barnstable Recreation – John Gleason, Director of Recreation presented by Krissanne Caron, Assistant Director of Community Services
 1. Administration

- a. Recreation Budget was approved by the Town Council on June 11, 2022
 - b. The Barnstable Pickleball membership group hosted a tournament and donated \$4,200 to the Barnstable Recreation Scholarship Fund
 - c. John attended the Conservation Commission meeting on July 21, 2016
 - d. Unity Day will be held at the HYCC on Friday, August 7th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm
 - e. Centerville playground is open
 - i. Six extra picnic tables have been purchased for installation this summer
- 2. Aquatics
 - a. Beaches were opened full-time on June 27th
 - i. Lifeguards are at Kalmus, Veteran's, Covell's, Craigville, and Dowses beaches
 - b. To date, 21,000 beach parking permits have been issued
 - c. Three RDA applications have been completed for Craigville, Covell's, and Veteran's beaches to install Mobi Mats with the Disability Commission purchasing Mobi Mats for Craigville Beach
 - d. Swimming lessons are being held at Kalmus and Dowses beaches
 - e. Sailing lessons are being held at Veteran's beach
- 3. Recreation Programs
 - a. The Leisure Program started on June 29th and ends on August 14th
 - b. Friday Night Flicks will be held weather permitting on July 10th, July 24th, and August 14th

V. LIAISON'S REPORTS

- A. Community Preservation Committee – Tony Lapolla, Vice Chair – Nothing to report
- B. Sandy Neck Board – Christina Carrington – Nothing to report

VI. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Sarah Riley of Marstons Mills spoke on concerns surrounding issues with the pickleball activity at the West Villages Elementary School location
 - 1. She has been talking with John since September when her son was almost hit by a car in the parking lot
 - 2. Safety of children in the parking lot during school drop off and pick up is of concern due to traffic from pickleball players
 - a. Pickleball players don't park where they're supposed to
 - b. They drive the wrong way in the parking lot
 - c. They cause congestion which leads to the children getting to school late
 - 3. She has started a petition to have the pickleball hours changed so they can safely get their children to and from school and to help address the noise issues
 - 4. Police have been called multiple times due to the pickleball traffic
 - 5. Schoolchildren used to use the courts but since the Recreation Division took over they are no longer able to use the courts
 - 6. Noise is a major concern, and previous registered complaints have not been addressed to their satisfaction
 - 7. Signage does not have sufficient impact
 - 8. She would like hours of play changed
 - 9. She has reached out to their Town Councilor
- B. Tom Gillooly – President of the Barnstable Pickleball Club
 - 1. Their club made a five-year contract with the Recreation Division which will end in December
 - 2. They will be negotiating for another five-year contract
 - 3. He feels they are being good neighbors by not starting their play until 8:00am even though the town's by-laws allow for things like lawn mowers to start at 7:00am

4. Their play ends at 12:00 so activity after that is from the general public play
 5. He has sent letters to all the members about the parking restrictions and prioritizing safety
 6. The signage is not easily seen so this may be an issue for people driving in the exit only way
 7. They want to work with the neighbors to help resolve any issues
- C. Tim Shanahan – West Barnstable
1. His spouse and in-laws have a house on Ross Lane in Marstons Mills by the pickleball courts
 2. The noise is dreadful – 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, with no let up even on holidays, since the courts are never closed
 3. He has written multiple letters including one to John Gleason and one to the Open Space Committee. The response he gets is: “we’re working on it in Osterville, but we don’t have a solution for Marstons Mills. Besides that, there has been no discussion whatsoever that he’s heard and it’s very disappointing to hear that it’s not being addressed
 4. It’s not the intent to eliminate pickleball but there is no relief from it
 5. He supports ideas, suggestions, screening, hours
 6. In his experience, there’s not been much done by the department try to mitigate the noise
 7. He’d like to see a plan of action and a continued effort on that

VIII. NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA ITEMS – To Be Determined

Christina Carrington a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tim Lus; Meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

NEXT MEETING September 14, 2026