

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission  
June 17, 2021**

*Senior Community Center, Newburyport, MA*

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.  
A quorum was present

In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Paul Swindlehurst, Matthew Ellsworth, Charles Griffin

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Michael Hennessey, Jason Lacroix, Furnell McGrath, Lauren Demski, Donna DeLeo

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*May 20, 2021 Minutes*

**Motion to approve May 20, 2021 minutes with edits as noted by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*June 3, 2021 Minutes*

**Motion to approve June 3, 2021 minutes without changes by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Road Race Permit, Oct 17, 2021*

Commissioners reviewed permit request to hold a road race with a portion of the activities scheduled for Cashman Park Soccer Field. The item was tabled pending further information including abutter notification of public meeting, notification of Harbormaster, Health Department, Newburyport Youth Soccer Association, a complete site plan and complete traffic plan.

*Tennis Ball dispenser at Cashman Off Leash*

Furnell McGrath proposed to install a tennis ball dispenser at Cashman Park for use at the off leash area. She said they would install and maintain it.

**Motion to adopt Furnell McGrath's proposal to install a tennis ball library at Cashman as discussed tonight with location to be settled with Parks Director, allowing that the commission has option to take it down if unused and provided donor includes Newburyport Parks on social media campaign by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Application to fly Yankee Homecoming Flag at Bartlet Mall, Dennis Palazzo*

**Motion to allow flying of the Yankee Homecoming Flag at Bartlet Mall from July 31 to August 8, 2021 by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So moved on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Cashman Plan*

Item was tabled.

*Limiting lighting of basketball courts at Brown School playground to 9:30 p.m.*

**Motion to adjust of park light by basketball court to be turned on at dusk and off at 10 p.m. unless Parks Director finds a reason this shouldn't be allowed after consultations with other city departments by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So moved on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Rail Trail Labyrinth Proposal*

Item was tabled.

*Fit Park Proposal*

Sam Hartford presented a thorough proposal for installing one or more fitparks in Newburyport at either Cashman Park or the Clipper City Rail Trail. Commissioners thanked him for his proposal and plan to follow up at a future meeting to consider approval.

*New Bench and Little Free Library at Atkinson Common*

**Motion to approve installation of a new memorial bench at Atkinson Common to the west of the Lily Ponds and a Little Free Library, both donated by Lauren Demski, by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So moved on a unanimous voice vote.**