

**Amherst Leisure Services Commission Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2020**

- Present** Youssef Fadel, Sarah Marshall, Stephanie Jackson, and Victor Nunez-Ortiz and Meg Rosa (chair)
- Absent** Becky Demling (excused)
- Staff** Barb Bilz, Donna Woods, Marion Jordan, Nicole Abelli, Graced Marczuk
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Purpose

- The purpose of this meeting was to bring together the Strategic Planning Committee, consisting of Commission members and staff members, to identify and prioritize our strategic goals for the remainder of the fiscal year. In addition the committee was tasked with establishing a timeline for implementing its priorities.

Priorities

Each committee member expressed their top 3 – 4 goals for the remainder of the fiscal year. The following are the top 4 goals ranked by the number of times they were identified:

1. Communication and Intersection with the Public
 - Name Change to Town of Amherst Recreation Department
 - Improvements to the Website
2. Responding to Emerging Needs
 - Covid-19
3. Improving Communication and Access to Programming
 - Website Upgrades
4. Building and Maintaining Strong Collaborations with Local Organizations

Time Line – Remainder of FY21 (October 2020 – June 2021)

Name Change	October – December 2020
Responding to Covid-19 Emerging Needs	October 2020 – June 2021
Website Upgrades	October – December 2020
Collaborations with Local Organizations	October 2020 – June 2021

The committee agreed to meet after the next Commission Meeting in October to begin the work around rolling out the name change.

Public Comment:

Jeff Lee of Amherst asked to speak about the possibility of opening a disc golf course in Amherst. He provided a long list of benefits to the community. Stephanie Jackson asked about potential locations and stated that disc golf would be a good fit for the community. Possible locations discussed included the Hawthorne property and Hickory Ridge. Sarah Marshall asked about the set-up for a course, 9 holes vs. 18 holes, etc.

The Commission thanked Mr. Lee for his presentation and agreed to consider his recommendation.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. (Zoom Public Meeting)

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.