

Citizen Recreation Committee
Date: July 29, 2025
Location: Virtual
Start Time: 4:30

Attendees: Members, L. Berrios
Staff, I. Adorno, M. Carter
No Guest

1. Welcome
 - I. Adorno welcomes committee and open meeting at 4:37

Updates

2. Capital Budget Discussion
 - Waiting for approvals on capital request
3. Current Recreation Center Usage
 - Discuss starting yoga class again in the fall, but added another day for step class.
 - Teens can come as early as 9AM for summer hours
4. Recreation Center Improvements
 - Looking at grants to improve audio system upgrades in the dance studio and audio/visual upgrades to the Game Room area.
5. REK
 - Looking to start REK in the fall and will also be looking to add volunteers and mentors.
6. Future Programs
 - World Cup Club game activities like using the futsal courts. Would like to find a sponsor for the tourney. Possibly host watch parties at the Rec Center.
 - Fix and reopen the concession stand at the Youth Sports Complex, looking at ordinances and inspections to get that activated again.
 - Would like to have "movies in the park" like the Cartoon Network Launch event in Bucc. Park several years ago.
7. Field Day Fox
 - Ordinance approved for rental of Field Day. Field Day Fox request form is approved as well. It will be \$75 an hour to have Field Day out.
 - Gearing him up for school events in the fall.
8. Park Reservation System
 - All park rentals must be done online AND with 30 days advance notice.
11. Questions from Committee
12. Meeting closed at 4:55

Citizen Recreation Committee

Date: September 23, 2025

Location: Virtual

Start Time: 4:30

Attendees: Members, L. Berrios, J. Sevilla
Staff, I. Adorno, M. Carter
No Guest

1. Welcome

- I. Adorno welcomes committee and open meeting at 4:35

UPDATES

2. Capital Budget Discussion

- Updated the committee on request to update the paint in the Game Room. Also looking into grants/sponsorships to modernize that area.

3. Current Recreation Center Usage

- Yoga classes to begin in October. Looking at 2x per month starting at 4:45.
- Center offers Step Aerobic class 2x per week
- Fitness center and dance studio used daily. Dance studio used for stretching and was used for a fitness bootcamp recently. Bootcamp classes are something we would like to continue.
- Reminder of Rec Center hours being 9AM -8PM, Monday through Friday, this is large part to new staff coming in to assist at the Rec Center
- We hosted an Open House on September 17th. Parents came by to ask questions, meet staff and tour the Center. Most attendees were new students wanting to sign up.

4. Recreation Center Improvements

- In addition to the Capital Projects we are looking for grants to upgrade the Dance Studio, Game Room and adding a recording/podcast studio

5. REK

- Looking to host monthly meetings starting in October. Want to have 2 physical activities and 2 non-physical; like video games or board games. The focus will be on establishing solid mentorships.
- We want to solidify partnerships to give students stability.

6. Current Sports Programs

- Soccer has 128 participants, it is the second most popular sport behind basketball that had approximately 220 participants this year.
- Basketball registration is open
- Adult basketball will begin soon
- I. Adorno will speak to L. Berrios about potential NBPD v NBFD basketball game/ community event

7. Future Programs

- Expansion of futsal tournament to include a Harvey St Park tourney and Joyce Kilmer Park tourney and the winners play each other for the "City Cup"
- Work with our vendor and City partners to host official watch parties
- Looking into hosting movies in the parks as well

- Really investing time and resources to open the concessions at Youth Sports Complex Test run will happen at the HarvestFest
- Ms. Sevilla mentioned maybe a teen driven comic superhero project. They would come up and develop while at the Recreation Center
- More and consistent use of the Youth Sports Complex concession stand and used it during HarvestFest

8. Summer Review

- Futsal Tournament was well received. As mentioned looking to expand on the idea.
- 122 Flag-football participants
- We partnered with the Jennings and Ascona families for our summer book bag giveaway. 400 book bags with supplies given out at Joyce Kilmer Park.
- Field Day Fox made several Back-To-School/Welcome Back events
- Recreation staff was at CareSparc hosting planking contest and other recreation activities.
- Another successful skateboard giveback event. 100 city youth received new skateboards. Red Bull built ramps the morning of at the Theatre District. There was also a pro-skater showcase.
- M. Carter hosted summer basketball clinics and tournaments at Feaster's Park and Recreation Park

9. Field Day Fox

- Request link is on the New Brunswick Recreation InstaGram page

10. Park Reservation System

- Reminder that the system requires 30 day advance booking

11. Park Maintenance

- We will alternate field use so parks can work on its maintenance

12. Things to Look For

- HarvestFest will be on October 28th with a lot of activities for families
- We partnered with NB Fire for a Blood Drive on October 30th.

13. Questions from Committee

12. Meeting closed at 5::07

Citizen Recreation Committee
Date: October 28, 2025
Location: Virtual
Start Time: 4:30

Attendees: Members, L. Berrios, J. Sevilla
Staff, I. Adorno
No Guest

1. Welcome
 - I. Adorno welcomes committee and open meeting at 4:35

UPDATES

2. Capital Budget Discussion
 - Approved for Media Room carpet replacement. Looking to get done early 2026
3. Current Recreation Center Usage
 - Discuss yoga class is being paused until the new year, and step aerobic class schedule is still 2x per week on Tuesday & Wednesday starting at 6:30
 - Center hours are 9AM - 8PM, Monday-Friday
 - Possible open house in January
4. REK
 - Program started on October 22nd with 95 students
 - Looking for volunteers and mentors
5. Current Sports Programs
 - Soccer season wrapped with about of 130 participants
 - Basketball registration is open until Nov 7th
6. Future Programs
 - Update on plans for next summer futsal tournament in conjunction with World Cup Activities. This would include watch parties, video game tourney at the Recreation Center.
 - Ms. Sevilla mentioned maybe a teen driven comic superhero project. They would come up and develop while at the Recreation Center
 - More and consistent use of the Youth Sports Complex concession stand and used it during HarvestFest
7. HarvestFest
 - HarvestFest was a huge success with over 400 pumpkins given out, as well as 700 candy bags and all the hot chocolate. May consider reducing it to a 3 hour event versus 4.
8. Field Day Fox
 - Field Day has attended several Halloween events. He was at Roosevelt School, Recreation Park and ____ School. Field Day gets a great response from children
9. Park Reservation System
 - Reminder that the system is ll online either then submitting payments.
10. Park Maintenance
 - Working with Parks Dept. to close and rotate fields for their maintenance and upkeep; starting with Youth Sport Complex

11. Questions from Committee

12. Meeting closed at 5:12