



**City of Biddeford
Recreation Commission**

April 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

J. Richard Martin Community Center Room 2 & Teams

Join Teams Meeting Online

Meeting ID:

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.a Approval of Minutes February 2026
3. Recreation Department Report
 - 3.a Updates for Commission
4. Community Group Liaison Updates
 - 4.a MOU- Little League
 - 4.b 315 Main Update and action items
5. New Business
6. Other Business
7. Public Addressing the Commission
8. Adjourn

Recreation Commission meeting minutes

February 18, 2026

1h 25m 49s

Kathryn Lagasse called meeting to order at 6:01 pm

In attendance: Andy Kaherl, Kathryn LaGasse, Peter Harrison, Mark Poirer, Lisa Thompson, Brian Dunphe, Kim Cochran

- Introduction to new commission member, Mark Poirier, who was just appointed at the Feb. 17th City Council meeting.
- Presentation by Recreation Facilities and Outdoor Recreation Coordinator Brian Dunphe. Brian showed the commission his recent work on inspecting the playground at JFK and what goes into a playground inspection. Brian is a Certified Playground Safety inspector. And fielded questions regarding this part of his job, the city's playgrounds and the future of the JFK playground.
- Kim Cochran, From Biddeford Little League Softball talked with the commission regarding needs for the infrastructure at the Mayfield park softball field. They are currently building a new canteen with support from the city and volunteers. However, fencing, dugouts and retaining walls need attention.
- Discussion regarding developing an MOU with BBLLSB and the Rec. Dept. Commission voted unanimously in favor of developing a 4-person sub committee to work with BBLLSB on an MOU. Kim will meet with the board to discuss and reach out to Katherine. Meeting to develop MOU does not have to take place at the meeting. Follow up next meeting on next steps.
- 315 Main Street; Mayor LaFountain has tasked the Rec. Commission with naming the pocket park at 315 Main Street. Mark brought forth the following name ideas:
 - Unity Park
 - Common Ground Park
 - Community Commons
 - Prospect Green
- Next steps: involve Councilor Kirtz from Ward 5, Delilah Poupore from HOB
Formal adoption of new name – June 2026. Kathryn and Lisa will reach out to David and Delilah to get the conversation started.
- Andy announced that York Recreation is offering a free chainsaw training on March 11 and is free and available to anyone.

Next Meeting: March 18 6:00pm JRMCC Room 2

Motion to Adjourn by Andy Kaherl at 7:26pm. Seconded by Peter Harrison. All approved.



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Recreation Department Report

Lisa Thompson, CPRP, Recreation Director

Updates & Discussion

- Rec Bond Ward meetings
- Community Engagement timeline
- LWCF and MTP grants updates
- Staffing update
- Budget FY27 Update

