



**City of Biddeford
Recreation Commission**

June 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

J. Richard Martin Community Center Room 2 & Teams

Join Teams Meeting

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.a Minutes 5.20.2026
3. Recreation Department Report
4. Community Group Liaison Updates
5. New Business
6. Other Business
 - 6.a 315 Main Park naming discussion
7. Public Addressing the Commission
8. Adjourn

Recreation Commission-Minutes 5.20.2026

May 20, 2026, 6:01 pm

40m 15s

Meeting called at 6:01 pm by Recreation Commission chair Kathryn Lagasse.
Present: Kathryn Lagasse, Andy Kaherl, Mark Poirier, Peter Harrision, Elisha Gallant.
Lauren Giddings was excused.

Meeting minutes from 2.18.2026

Andy Kaherl moved to accept; Mark Poirier seconded. All approved.

Recreation Director's report- May 2026.

LWCF and MTP grant application work moving forward. Site walk is held on Monday. Looking good for a June 26 deadline.

Presentation to Council May 17 regarding Recreation Bond Community engagement data. Not much response from Council. There is a lot of data for them to go through. Council will provide next steps. Still waiting on Auditors report so the city can get a bond rating.

Summer Programs starting soon. Staff are getting ready. Seasonal staff are being hired and trained. New FT staff, Liam McKinley, started last week. Short staffed for custodians but found some good applicants -hoping to hire them soon.

Swim lessons will be offered at Rotary Park beach this summer.

Department Budget- Overall a 1% increase over last year and our enterprise budget looks solid. We will be looking to spend some of our Recreation Revenue funds this year.

Review of Roberts Rules- We need to tighten up on how we run meetings going forward. Make sure to make motions, seconds, vote and have Kathryn run the meeting. Discussion comes after the second motion.

Updates: Little League MOU: Kathryn met with Little League board members and Tyler Stewart from the Rec. Dept to start discussing an MOU between Recreation and Little League. A rough draft has been started; next steps Tyler and Kathryn will go over the document and bring back to the group.

315 Park renaming: Kathryn said a good event was held at Rift and many people showed up to provide feedback for naming the park. The survey provided a lot of feedback. Kathryn provided the group with the list of possible names that were submitted and asked the commission to come to next month's meeting with their top 5 choices. Lisa will email the list to the commission.

New Business: Lisa discussed July as National Parks and Recreation month. The staff are putting on a free BBQ at Rotary Park on July 14th from 5-7pm. All are welcome to attend. Promotions will be going out soon; RSVP is required so we can get an accurate count for food. We will be asking the mayor to do a Proclamation.

Old Business: Questions regarding whether the Recreation Commission will be presenting an update to council in July. Abigail will investigate this. Abigail also emphasized that she would like to bring up any updates from the commission at regular council meetings, so if anyone has anything they would like her to share with council, please reach out.

Public Comment: A resident in attendance spoke about the need for more maintenance at the Mayfield tennis courts for pickleball use. Windscreens and new pickleball lines.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00pm at the Community Center, room 2. We will discuss whether to have meeting in July and August at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mark Poirier at 6:42pm Seconded by Kathryn Lagasse. All in favor. None opposed.

Park Name Suggestions

Monarch Park

Monarch on Main

Jane Jacobs Park

Marcotte Park - In honor of the owner of the building that once stood at Elizabeth Stevens Park to honor her generous gift, her life savings, to biddeford's Art spot! Since it's always getting new paint on the wood :)

Independence Park

Equality Park

Millside Green

Heritage Parks

Liberty Park

Tiger Green

The park could be named after Samuel Batchelder, industrialist who incorp

Whispering Falls

Clocktown Commons

Millstone Commons

River light Landing

The yard of main

Parc Lumière (French-Canadian feel)

Rivière Green (French-Canadian theme)

Independence Park

Riverbend Park

Unity Park

Heritage Park

Revival Park

Renaissance Park

The nook on Main

MacArthur Park

Gateway Park.

Peace Park, install a Peace Pole (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_pole)

Gateway Park - because it's one of the main entryways to downtown Biddeford.

Fun park

Music Park

Peaceful Park

Sowocatuck Park, acknowledge the original Sokokis inhabitants of the city

David Flood Park

Peace Park - "Open to All"
The Heart Of Biddeford Park.
Peace Park "Open to All" -
"BenchMark Park"!
Nor'Easter park. Go UNE!

Bruce's Playground

Dreamz State National Park
Horizon Park

Ian Anderson Memorial Park

Callery pear park
"Sit A Spell" or "No Shade in The Shade"
Millstone Park
Franco Commons
Trolley Park
McArthur Park
Community Park
Cobblestone Park

Linda Kasabian Park

Broad Water Park
Comfort park
Heritage Square
Crossroads
Crossroads Coner
Unity Park
Pocket Park
peoples pocket park
patchwork park
peaceful patch
Harmony Center
Friends and Neighbors Corner
Talk and Tarry Park
Community Corner
Tranquility Corner
Park 410
Great Park
Le Petit Park
Needle Park

Perseverance Park
The Hub!
Cornerstone Park,
Serendipity Corner
McArthur Park
Heartside Park
Lighthouse Park
Cornerstone Park,
Harmony Haven
Corner Commons
Doorstone Park
Wayfarer Park
Bloom and Bluebird Park
Keystone Park
Easment Park
The Mill Patch
Hope Park
Creation Coner
Pepperell Park
Qani Bilishi Park
Secon Shevnell
Third Shevnell
The Gathering Yard
Pride Point Park
Tiger Pride Park
Holly Colluton Park

this corner, and for the furniture store located within. e
ould a public reading room. Which became McArthur Library. Also,
lots of flowers!!

decorated the mills, or Francis Spencer who invented the Vellux blar

.e) with all the most commonly used languages spoken by residents

and connect people to our history

we have little in our community that recognize the contribution of

market in 1966 and saved manufacturing at the mills until 2009.

of Biddeford. These languages can be updated over time as the con

of women.

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