



**Town of Burlington  
Disability Access Commission (BDAC)  
April 25, 2022 Minutes**

**12:00 pm Grandview Farm 2nd floor conference room , 55 Center Street**

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**BDAC members present:** Tom Carlson; Bunny Ferguson; Jack Cunha; Linda Cunha; Mike Espejo, Select Board Rep.

**BDAC Members not present:** Kenny Tigges

**BDAC support staff:** Christopher Hanafin, ADA coordinator; Jennifer Goldsmith, recorder

**Guests present:** Cindy Phillips & Myrna Saltzman with the community preservation; Brendan Egan, Parks & Recreation Director; Kelly Lehman, Program Coordinator; Emma Jones, CTRS Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

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***Prior to the start of the meeting commission members listened to a presentation from the Burlington Community Preservation Act Committee. The information provided can be found at: <https://yescpaburlington.org/>***

Meeting called to order at 12:39 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes: November 2021**

November 2021 minutes are up for approval with no corrections.

Motion moved by Mr. Jack Cunha and seconded by Mr. Espejo to approve the November 2021 minutes with no corrections. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Recreation Department therapeutic recreation & BDAC's partnership:**

The Recreation department came before the commission today to update the members on the therapeutic recreation programming and hope for continued partnership. BDAC's financial assistance helps defray the costs of some therapeutic recreation programs. Below is the breakdown of programs being brought before the commission: Descriptions of programs are taken directly from the [Spring 2022 Program](#) & [Summer 2022 Program](#).



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**Therapeutic Horseback Riding:**

*Ages 3 through adult with a diagnosis, Monday - Friday lesson time, \$245 (8 weeks) Ironstone Farm 450 Lowell Street Andover, Instructors: Ironstone Staff, Activity #: 493009-A In partnership with Ironstone Farm, we are excited to once again offer this program for thirty minute private sessions. There will be an initial evaluation required for all new riders. You will coordinate with the farm to find a time Monday through Friday that fits with your schedule! Please note, space and schedule availability is limited at this time and weekend lessons are not available. Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm is a therapeutic riding program whose focus is to help each individual achieve his/her fullest potential. The movement of the horse strengthens the development of fine and gross motor skills and provides sensory input. With this premise in mind, Challenge Unlimited staff develops exercises and activities to benefit each individual, addressing issues that are not easily addressed in a classroom setting. A separate information packet with the necessary forms will be available upon registration. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department for details.*

Motion moved by Mr. Tom Carlson and seconded by Mr. Jack Cunha to assist in funding for the therapeutic horseback riding program in the sum of \$6,000.00 to be used by the recreation department for this program. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Sneaker Prom!:**

*Ages 13+ with a disability, Friday, April 22 7 - 9 pm, \$30, Grandview Farm Activity#: 394309-A Participants are invited to dress up in semi-formal attire, if they wish, accented by their favorite, comfortable athletic shoes for an evening of dancing and fun! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Age appropriate friends, classmates & siblings are welcome to register. (Participants must pre register; registration will not be taken at the door. If a participant requires a 1:1 caregiver, they are welcome to attend at no extra charge).*

Motion moved by Mr. Jack Cunha and seconded by Mr. Tom Carlson to assist in funding for the Sneaker Prom! Program in the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used by the recreation department for this program. The motion was carried unanimously.



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**Modified Club Simonds:**

*Grades K - 4 (grade completed), Simonds Park, Rain Day Location: Pine Glen School We welcome you to take advantage of our modified Club Simonds schedule! If your child attends summer enrichment programs at their school or the regular day is too long or overwhelming, we offer a modified schedule that we hope may be helpful in meeting your needs. This option is appropriate for children with an IEP or 504 plan and/or those who will be receiving support as part of our summer inclusion program. Space is limited. Please direct all questions and inquiries to Emma Jones, CTRS or Kelly Lehman. To register please contact Emma Jones, CTRS at [ejones@burlington.org](mailto:ejones@burlington.org) or 781-270-1937*

Motion moved by Mr. Tom Carlson and seconded by Mr. Mike Espejo to assist in funding the Modified Club Simonds Program in the sum of \$3,000.00 to be used by the recreation department for this program. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Handicap parking fine fund:** Current balance as of 04/21/2022 : \$100,053.53

Motion moved by Mr. Jack Cunha and seconded by Ms. Bunny Ferguson to adjourn meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 pm

Submitted by,

Jennifer Goldsmith  
BDAC recording clerk