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# **Town of Southwick**

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

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### **Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2023**

**6:30 pm**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**Attendance:** Jeanne Reed-Waldron, John Whalley, David DeiDolori, Mike Sheil, Rick Harriman, Cindy Sullivan and Cara Cartello

**Guests:** Sean Cronin and Andy Reardon

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be February 8, 2023.

### **Public Comment**

Sean Cronin discussed the sponsor sign and placement for the bike station on the rail trail. David Sutton will give him concrete and unistraw for the installation. Sean will call 811 prior to installation. Cindy ordered the bike stand and air pump. Sean said the Boy Scouts will install the bike station sometime at the end of March to beginning of April.

Andy Reardon would like to apply for the Mass Trails grant on the town's behalf. He said there is state money available for public access to the rail trail. He would like to fill out the grant for an access road that is ADA accessible and compliant. David Sutton said the Ale House had a hard time fundraising. Jeanne suggested he advise the select board that he is applying for the grant.

### **Review Minutes and Bills**

Minutes & bills were approved.

### **Buildings and Grounds Update**

David Sutton reported that the park & rail trail are still open and being used. Maintenance is removing rail trail leaves weekly. There isn't a set date to put up the barriers at Whalley Park. They will put up before the first big snow storm. The bathrooms are closed and winterized. David DeiDolori inquired about adding dirt to the baseball field. David Sutton said he is waiting on the company for the dirt. David D. said the first High School game is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeanne asked about the progress on the softball field. David S. said he will be adding dirt in the spring. The 70' is ready to go. John said he will donate loam to fill in the holes in the fields.

### **Rail Trail**

Review Farmington Valley Tree quote. David D. would like to have the trees removed before April. David S. said \$2,000 from rail trail expense can be used. Mike Sheil motioned to approve

Farmington Valley Tree quote for maximum of \$2,000.00 to be paid out of rail trail expense; Rick Harriman seconded and the motion was approved. David D. asked David S. to contact DPW to mow the trail with the side arm mower.

### **Whalley Park**

Review Spray Park quote. Town water will need to be used because it is chlorinated. Location next to the play scape. P&R will need a budget line item for water. There will be no water testing because the water is chlorinated. There is a water sensor. John Whalley motioned to approve Spray Park proposal; Mike Sheil seconded and the motion was approved.

### **New Business**

Cindy received grant approval from the Cultural Council for the kid's summer series. Cindy booked reptile show on Feb 22, 2023 during the kid's school vacation. It will be held in the Town Hall auditorium.

### **Meeting called to a close**

7:48 pm Mike Sheil motioned to adjourn the meeting; David DeiDolori seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Jeanne Reed-Waldron\_\_\_\_\_

John Whalley \_\_\_\_\_

David DeiDolori\_\_\_\_\_

Mike Sheil\_\_\_\_\_

Rick Harriman\_\_\_\_\_