



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# **Town of Southwick**

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

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### Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting

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

Absent: Mike Sheil

Guests: David Sutton and Rick Johnson

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be April 12, 2023.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Review Minutes and Bills**

Minutes & bills were approved.

#### **Whalley Park**

John talked to Rob Levesque to see if we could run water into infatuation system. John said depending on what we do with the water may need to request additional CPC funds. Rob will get a hold of DEP. Cindy spoke to Sabrina about CPC meeting. She will need the cost of Phase 2 services on Levesque letterhead. Karl said the warrant article deadline is March 1st. John will check with Rob.

Discussion with Rick Johnson about Motocross parking fees. We are looking to increase to \$20. Rick said we can charge what we want. He has no control over that. John thinks Park & Rec should charge \$20. David said we should have signs stating \$20 fee for parking. John Whalley motioned to charge \$20 for Motocross parking at Whalley Park; Rick Harriman seconded and the motion was approved.

#### **Budget Review**

Review Park and Recreation budget.

#### **Buildings & Grounds Update**

David Sutton reviewed Whalley Park budget. The Bathrooms will be open for the Children's Easter egg hunt. He ordered the sand for the 90'. The bump on 3rd base softball will be removed it's a sprinkler head. The lower field is about 80% crab grass. David suggests to use lower field for flag football.

Cindy said the High School Athletic Director would like to make the 90' their home field. He said they would like to play 10 games at the park. They would have both baseball and softball games at the park. The light fee continues to be a challenge since it will be \$2,000 just to turn the lights on. He will present the quote to school committee for approval.

David Sutton said green communities has been accepted by select board. One of the items on the list is the lights at the park. An Auditor is coming to look at the large bulbs at the park. He hopes to get a grant to cover the replacement bulbs.

### **Rail Trail**

David DeiDolori met with Karl for clarification on P&R responsibilities and Buildings & Grounds responsibilities. David thinks we should oversee the grant, Mr. Reardon can apply but P&R should oversee it. The trees that need to be removed will be done March 9, 23.

### **Beach**

The board approved a new refrigerator for the beach. Jeanne motioned to approve the purchase of the refrigerator; David DeiDolori seconded and the motion was approved.

### **Old Town Beach**

We received a complaint of someone dumping leaves and branches on Berkshire Ave Town property. David DeiDolori will go to the property and take pictures. Jeanne would like to wait to see what is on town property before contacting the abutting residents.

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

7:40 pm David DeiDolori motioned to adjourn the meeting; John Whalley seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

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

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

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

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

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