



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2021

6:30 pm

Remote Participation

Members in Attendance: Jeanne Reed-Waldron, John Whalley, David DeiDolori, Mike Sheil, Rick Harriman and Cara Cartello

Guests: Laura Cook and Alfred Bacabc

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation is to be determined.

Public Comment

Review Minutes and Bills

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Whalley Park

Rotary Club will be holding their summer concert series on Wednesdays starting July 14, 2021. Jeanne proposed increasing the fee from \$50 to \$100. They will be using the pavilion lights. They have vendors at the park selling beer, wine and food vendors. David suggested charging \$50 and ask for an extra donation to P&R. John said \$100 is reasonable. They will be using the pavilion lights and there is clean up involved. John Whalley motioned to approve \$100 fee per concert; David DeiDolori seconded and the motion was approved. Peter Demello with the Bolts Soccer is concerned that the grass is not growing on the soccer field in many spots. John suggested Heritage Lawn take a soil sample from areas the grass isn't growing. The high school requested the park closed for the senior picnic. The board agreed the park cannot be closed. Dollars for scholars would like to hold their award ceremony on June 15, 21. They would like the fee waived. Mike said he is in favor of waiving the fee for a good cause. Alfred Bacabc with Fusal Street Soccer is a soccer skill provider. He would like to hold a program at the park. They partner with a lot of P&R's in 25 different towns from Belchertown to Newtown, CT and offer after school programs for ages 2 to high school age. In some cases they rent facility, in some cases deliver a town program for soccer. He is looking to start up at Whalley Park by offering a summer camp. Typical summer camp for a new location would be held from 9am-12noon, Monday through Friday. They charge \$150 per kid to join. It would be a field rental arrangement. They won't need the fields lined or use of the large fields. The lower fields would be ideal.

Alfred would propose: keep costs down to 50% on new areas. If 10 kids sign up he would make \$1500. The coaches and rentals fees run between \$500 and \$700.

Rail Trail

Southwick Fire Department, Chief Anderson, would like to have mile markers placed on the rail trail for easier location of emergencies. The board suggests placing mile markers every half mile at 4 feet off the trail.

Town Beach

Laura Cook would like to store kayak at the beach for their kayak program. It will be July 6-Aug 13, 21 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for four hours. Laura said Wilderness is fully insured. There will be 6-8 people for the lessons including certified lifeguard. John asked what would be a fair rental fee. Laura said they gave \$1,000 to the boy scouts for a season.

New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting called to a close

7:55 pm Rick Harriman motioned to adjourn the meeting; David DeiDolori seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by:_____