



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Sept 14, 2022

6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting

Members in attendance: Jeanne Reed-Waldron, David DeiDolori, Mike Sheil, Cindy Sullivan and Cara Cartello

Members not in attendance: Rick Harriman

Guests: Sean Cronin and David MacWilliams

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:34pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be October 12, 2022.

Review Minutes and Bills

None to approve

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Note: John Whalley entered the meeting at 6:41pm

Boy Scouts:

Sean Cronin made a presentation to the committee regarding his Eagle Scout Project. Sean would like to install 2 bike pumps on the rail trail. He presented a proposal with a budget of about \$4700. Sean would do all of the ordering, installation, and labor of the devices. He also suggested adding signs to the trail to promote local business. The committee discussed the project and suggested that Sean try to get the support of local businesses to help fund the signs and other portions of the project. David DeiDolori will also speak with the Friends of the Rail Trail to see if they would have any interest in helping to fund some of the project. We will analyze our accounts and see if Park and Rec can also support the funding of this project. We will place on the agenda for the October meeting for a possible vote on moving forward.

Whalley Park

Playground shade coverage: resident asked to have discussion of a shade covering in the playground. The commissioners thought the expense is not necessary at this time

John Whalley reported on a meeting he had regarding a Spray Park at Whalley Park. David Sutton, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, was also present at the meeting. Looking to request funding from CPC. Several issues include septic system, use of well water, and design of spray park. No votes taken only discussion. Mr. Whalley is looking at getting a design done to further a more accurate conversation in the future.

Rugged Maniac is on September 24th and September 25th. The commissioners will collect money for parking. There will be a parking fee of \$20 for each car. Money will be brought to Police Dept each day.

Jeanne updated the committee regarding ongoing issues at the park. She is working with David Sutton, buildings, and grounds supervisor, to resolve some maintenance issues. The discussion included seasonal employees no longer working at the park. David Sutton has had difficulty replacing staff for a variety of reasons. Discussion also included concrete section near the pavilion being repaired at the Select Boards request and funding coming from operating budget and revolving account for the cost of \$4800. Budget issues also discussed.

Mike Sheil discussed hiring high school students to line the baseball and softball fields on Sundays. He will speak with David Sutton to make sure he is comfortable with using the seasonal employee line item. The commissioners asked Cindy and Cara to assist in the hiring of this position. Future agendas will include Buildings and Grounds so the committee can receive an update from David Sutton on projects, budget, etc.

Assign P&R CPC Representative:

Motion by John Whalley and seconded by Mike Sheil to nominate and approve Jeanne Reed-Waldron as the CPC Representative for Park and Recreation. Jeanne accepted the nomination, and the vote was unanimously accepted.

Rail Trail:

David discussed that he was a counter on the rail trail for the friends group. He counted 700 bikes.

New Business

Discussed board member that hasn't attended meetings. David DeiDolori will speak with board member and ask him to resign from position or to begin attending meetings.

Meeting called to a close

8:08pm pm John Whalley 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_____