



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting

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

Absent: Mike Sheil and Cara Cartello

Guests: Maryssa Cook- Obregon

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be May 10, 2023.

Public Comment

Maryssa Cook-Obregon 126 South Loomis St. Southwick, MA 01077. Maryssa presented Chapter 61 protocols. Ms. Cook-Obregon would like the commissioners to review the document and give her any feedback. The document has to do with land being offered to the town and the towns right to refusal before it goes on the market. Details are in the document. Commissioners agreed to discuss at the next meeting as an agenda item. She will email to Cindy and she will forward to the board.

Review Minutes and Bills

Tabled until the next meeting

Whalley Park:

- a. Request for t-ball: There was an initial request for use of the t-ball field, but after the coaches examined the condition of the field more closely they realized it would be a lot of work to become playable. They never followed up with Cara to continue with request.
- b. David Sutton, Building and Grounds Supervisor talked about the softball field. He reported that Johns trucking was going to donate 2 truck loads of sand for free and he was going to receive help moving the fence back to regulation status. John's trucking is going to do this project as their community service project.
- c. Spray Park Update: Spray Park will be on the Warrant Article at the town meeting. John Whalley updated the group on the progress of the runoff of wastewater. John reported that water runoff for spray park can be treated like any other run off in retention pond in parking lot.

Buildings and Grounds Update

David Sutton, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor updated the Commission on the following items.

- a. David reported opening the restrooms at the park was without incident. There were no issues, and everything is in working order.
- b. On a separate issue there was a water leak at the park, and it damaged a section of the concrete outside. David will be going to the finance committee to ask for the repair money.
- c. David also reported there may be issues with the gator.

Rail Trail

- a. **Grant:** Cindy spoke with Andy Reardon on the phone regarding the Rail Trail grant for the access road completion on the trail. After discussion it was asked that we contact Andy and let him know via- email that Park and Rec Commissioners will take the lead of the grant. It is important to the commissioners that they be involved in all aspects of the project. Possibility of doing a CPC application for the design of the road. Also wondering about complete streets grants and how it applies to this project can also be looked at. There will be no further action until the board meets again in May.
- b. The Friends of Southwick Rail Trail marked the locations for the mile markers for the granite posts. David DeiDolori coordinated Dig Safe and will be present on April 22nd when the work is completed on the trail. Volunteers will be installing the markers and the bike repair stations as marked.
- c. Trees that needed to be cut done were completed. We are still asking the DPW to complete the work with the arm mower on the sides of the trail from Feeding Hills Road to the Westfield line. David D has sent several emails, but the timeframes established in the emails has passed. He will continue to try to get this done.

Beach

Cindy and Cara are currently receiving applications and will interview beach staff.

Old Town Beach

- a. Debris on Town property: Letter to resident who has been dumping debris on town property. This property is under the jurisdiction of Park and Recreation. David DeiDolori made a motion to send the letter to the resident and seconded by Rick Harriman all voted in favor by roll call vote.

Various Programs

Easter Egg Hunt took place on April 1st. Good turnout even though it was raining. The hunt was modified, but everyone seemed happy.

New Business

Motocross: Board would like A frame sign to be ordered that say event parking. Cindy will take care of this item. She will also look into volunteers for the day of the event for parking.

Meeting called to a close

8:00 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_____