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# **Town of Southwick**

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

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

May 11, 2022

6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting

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

Guests: Ashely Augustus, Bill Jenkins, Patrick Lynch, Natalie Lynch, Sean Crowley, Brad Wright 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 June 8, 2022.

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

There was no bills and minutes.

#### **Public Comment**

Eagle Scout, Sean Crowley would like to donate a free little library with reading books for people visiting the beach to take a book or leave a book. He thought it would be a nice place to enjoy relaxing and reading a book. The Eagle Scouts will build and paint the little library. They will ask for donation of books to start off the library. John Whalley motioned to approve The Little Library provided by the Eagle Scouts at the Town Beach; David DeiDolori seconded and the motion was approved.

#### **Town Beach**

Bill Jenkins would like permission to use the right away at the beach again this year. He will provide a copy of the insurance policy. John Whalley motioned to approve use of the right away at the Town Beach; Rick Harriman seconded and the motion was approved. Southwick Baptist Church would like to have their annual baptism at the beach on June 12, 2022. David DeiDolori motioned to approve Southwick Baptist Church baptism at the Town Beach; Rick Harriman seconded and the motion was approved.

#### **Rail Trail**

Natalie Lynch would like to provide a safe ADA accessible road from the rail trail to the Ale House. The new neighbor to the left is blocking the access which has been used for many years. Patrick Lynch said he has maintained the town parking lot since 2008. After the vandalism issue on the rail trail tunnel cameras were installed at the office at Ale House. The Ale House pays for the

maintenance and electricity of the cameras and light at the tunnel. They would like to work together to create ADA access path. Natalie said Chet Commee said he would donate some concrete. Brad Wright, resident next to the Ale House, put up a small fence and signs to stop people from cutting through his property from the rail trail. Someone knocked down the fence and signs. He would like Town to provide signs that say no rail trail access. Brad will put up a fence and would like jersey barriers to keep vehicles from accessing his property. David would like to see the pins for the property line. P&R will set up a meeting with the property owners and building and grounds. Cindy asked building and grounds to remove junk pile on town property near Ale House.

### **Town Property Right of Refusal**

Discussion about the property on Mort Vining Road for sale. Two other town committees are interested. There has been interest of pickle ball or a dog park. There has not been interest in North Loomis.

### **Whalley Park**

Discuss request to donate a bench to be placed near the softball field in memory of Marissa Magni. Jeanne said the softball field pitching mound and bases need to be replaced. Jeanne suggested a large lock box by the softball field to store the bases field maintenance supplies.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

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

8:04 pm John Whalley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike Sheil seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

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

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

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

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

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