



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020

6:30 pm

Remote Participation

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

Guests: Bill Jenkins and Doug Moglin

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be July 22, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Review Minutes and Bills

Bills were reviewed and approved. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment

Bill Jenkins would like to apply for the annual dock permit located on the right away of the town beach. He said Dennis Clark has no problem with approving the use of the dock. Bill has the town listed as not liable on his One million dollar umbrella policy. He said he has permits going back to the 1990's. John Whalley motioned to approve Bill Jenkins dock on the Town beach right away; Mike Sheil seconded and the motion was approved.

Whalley Park

There are two applicants for the maintenance employee job. We will interview them through zoom. Cara will contact them for availability. Rick from maintenance continues to mow and weed whack the entire park. The board would like the playscape and restroom near the pavilion open. Signs stating rules will need to be posted. There have been unapproved soccer games with referees at the park. People are ignoring the barriers at the playscape and using it. Cara will check with maintenance to see when they can clean and open the restrooms. Jeanne asked if the park is being watered enough. The park is on well water. John said there are so many zones it's hard getting enough water on the fields during a drought. John said the entrance is looking bad but it should come back. Mike Sheil suggested asking maintenance to mow higher 3 ¾ or 4" to deter folks from playing on fields unauthorized.

Rail Trail

David said the trail is not required to have a center line but it is highly recommended. It will last 5 years. If we don't repaint existing line it will cost twice as much to start from scratch. Mike Massarelli motioned to approve center line painting by Hartline Inc.; Mike Sheil seconded and the

motion was approved. David said Fred Dudek will seal coat the root damage on the trail and Hartline can do the center line after this is done. David said Brooks from the Friends of Southwick Rail Trail will paint the center island at Congamond and Miller Road. David said kids are putting sticks in the bollard columns by Arnolds Farms. DPW blew them out and Brooks put new locks on them.

Town Beach

The board agreed the beach should be closed during phase 2 of Covid-19. They will reevaluate once phase 3 guidelines are released. John Whalley motioned to keep the town beach closed and reevaluate once phase 3 guidelines are released; Mike Massarelli seconded and the motion was approved.

New Business

Review request to use fields for fitness classes. John suggested take no action at this time. When things change the board can reassess.

Meeting called to a close

7:39 pm John Whalley motioned to adjourn the meeting; David DeiDolori seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by:_____