



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020

6:30 pm

Remote Participation

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

Guests: 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 June 17, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review Minutes and Bills

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

Whalley Park

The maintenance employee P&R hired took a full time job elsewhere. Cara will repost the job. The Torro mower is being serviced. The garage door needs to be serviced. Ken Cloudier said the garage door unit is not running at all. There is power going to it. It will need a circuit board and transformer. It will cost approximately \$500. Mike Sheil asked if P&R will be renting the fields to groups of ten or less for practices. John Whalley suggested not renting the fields. We do not have staff to enforce social distancing and groups no larger than 10. John said the police can be called if any organized sports are held. John Whalley motioned there will be no organized sports rentals at the park until review of phase three; Mike Sheil seconded and the motion was approved. Mike Massarelli asked if the bathrooms can be open. Cara will ask the Board of Health. David suggested cutting back on the fertilizer treatment expense since the fields are not being rented. John said this is a great opportunity to let the turf get more established.

Rail Trail

Review quote from Hartline, Inc for \$3,765 to respray existing painted markings on the bike trail. Approximately three miles from Westfield town line to Point Grove Road. John suggested we should save the money and not have it done. Connecticut does not have a center line on their trail. David will see if it has to be done or if we can let the lines diminish. The trees along the trail that are causing root damage to the asphalt have been removed. A woman drove into the island at Miller

Road and fell off her bike. The rail trail employee was there and saw her. The board agreed to have the island painted to make it more visible. Dudek will contact David when they are ready to fill the cracks on the trail from the root damage. The trash barrel at Miller Road is full more frequently due to increased usage from Covid-19. John Whalley motioned to place a second trash container at Miller Road; David DeiDolori seconded and the motion was approved. Mike Sheil said there are political signs placed on the rail trail. David said the unapproved signs can be removed.

Town Beach

John Whalley said the beach should be closed for the season. We would need to monitor social distancing and that could cause increased problems for the beach staff. He would suggest waiting until phase three to open. Cara will contact the Board of Health for guidance. There was discussion of the request for a boat dock on the beach right away. Jean Nillson said she will issue a permit once the town is listed on the individual's insurance policy. The individual has been advised of this.

New Business

There is no new business.

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:_____