



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2020

6:30 pm

Remote Participation

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

Members not in Attendance: John Whalley

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation is to be determined.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review Minutes and Bills

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

Whalley Park

Someone is turning off the sprinklers to the 90' field causing damage to the booster pump. The pump keeps running and the pressure builds and blows the pump. Eric suggested installing a sensor. He will give us a quote. Field hockey will be holding clinics on Monday nights through November 2nd. They have provided certificate of insurance. Pat Odiorne from Cultural Council would like to hold musical performance, Sarah the Fiddler, on October 18, 2020 at 2pm. Chief Anderson would like to hold the annual 911 ceremony at the Pavilion or parking lot. The Fire Department is under construction. Girl Scouts would like to hold 4th grade Bridging Ceremony at the pavilion with nine girls and their immediate family. It will be under 50 people. Board of Health, Tammy said as long as people follow the mask requirements, social distancing and keep it under 50 people she doesn't see a problem. The soccer net is damaged. Pat Roche patched it for the meantime until the new one comes in. The Wood Bat League will be using the 90' on Tuesday's & Wednesday's through September. They paid \$1,000 to cover the September Eversource demand fee. Rebecca Paren would like to offer zumba gold at the pavilion once a week either Monday's or Tuesday's at 9:00 am through the end of October. She has her own insurance. The cost is \$2 per senior. Jeanne would like to offer what we can to the public to provide some sort of normalcy. Jeanne asked if adult softball league will be using the field. We have not heard from them. Cara will contact Stacy. A tree toward the entrance of the park was damaged during the last storm. The town is going to use disaster relief funds to remove the tree. There was a discussion about over seeding at the park. We will have the seed delivered in September. Cara will call Total Home Services for a quote on spreading the seed. David suggested holding a few bags of grass seed to touch up areas in the spring.

Rail Trail

David went to location of bench request. It is located 1/10th mile away is an existing bench. The location was approved. David will meet with Chet Comee for a quote on the concrete slab. There was discussion of offering the existing bench. The board agreed to be consistent with the price of a memory bench which includes price of the bench, concrete and name plate. Fire Department, Chief Anderson requested placing mile markers along the trail to help identify location when they receive calls. The markers will be paid through a grant. The board thought it is a good idea. Mike Sheil said it would be a good reference on location. Chief Anderson asked what would be a good location to place them. Mike Sheil suggested check with Pat for input so it doesn't interfere with mowing.

Beach

Southwick Baptist Church will hold their annual baptism at the lake on Sunday September 6, 20 from 8-9:00 am. The Board of Health approved as long as they follow mask wearing requirements, social distance and keep the event under 50 people. Baptist Church sent \$500 donation to P&R.

New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting called to a close

7:29 pm Mike Sheil motioned to adjourn the meeting; David DeiDolori seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by:_____