



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2021

6:30 pm

Remote Participation

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

Members not in Attendance Mike Sheil

Guests: Jon Goddard and Doug Moglin

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

Jon Goddard is the town's Stormwater Coordinator. The town properties need to follow EPA regulations. Whalley Park property is fertilized. We need to make sure using a slower release fertilizer and the best product to keep in the ground. He could talk to staff to find out how trash is managed. There are no dumpsters at the park. Advise staff to clean the decks from mowers over grass areas. At this point he needs to make staff aware of EPA regulations. John asked Jon if he has any comments on a spray park. Jon said to make sure chlorine products are properly stored. Jon will talk directly to the company which fertilizes the park.

Review Minutes and Bills

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Budget Review

The budget review is tentatively March 6, 21 at 10:40am. Review information on the crosswalk system request for Depot Street rail trail crossing.

Rail Trail

David DeiDolori asked what the rules are for electric bikes on the rail trail. John said there are no motorized vehicles on the rail trail. David wants to post a sign stating no motorized vehicles. He will discuss with the Friends of the Southwick Rail Trail to see if they are in agreement.

Whalley Park

Discuss a Spray Park. John will get pricing for the two different options. The options would be contained versus not contained water. He believes a spray park would be a great asset to the town.

Currently Southwick does not have a spray park. When it is 90' outside the park isn't busy. Doug asked if we could get a hybrid version. Possibly a huge tank in the ground for spray park and irrigate the lawn in the evening with it. This way the water wouldn't need to be treated. Jeanne stated to keep in mind the park is built on aquifer.

New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting called to a close

7:30 pm John Whalley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike Massarelli seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by:_____