



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2018

6:30 pm

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

Members not in Attendance: John Whalley

Guests: Pete Heap, Brooks Martyn, Mike DeSanto, Andrea DeSanto

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be January 9, 2019 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

Andi DeSanto is training to become a community coordinator for the Healthy Kids Running Program. The Program is to promote children to get moving, exercise and the prevention of childhood obesity. The program is for all abilities and levels. Races will consist of a 50 yard dash up to a one mile run. The program will be held five consecutive Sunday afternoons from 3:30-5:30. This is a National community based nonprofit program and will be held in the spring and fall. They would like to start the spring event April 28, 2019 through May 26, 2019. The fall program would most likely be held September. This is a family event for both children and adults. Andi shared the u-tube video playing Our Start Healthy Kids Running Series. She would like to hold the event behind the t-ball fields. This area is already reserved on Sundays by Global Premier Soccer. The board suggested using the area at the back of the park, near the lower bathrooms. Andi will take a look at the area and get back to the board. They have their own insurance. The program will be \$35 for five races or \$10 for an individual race. The \$35 includes a shirt, ribbon, goody bag and trophy. Mike Sheil motioned to allow Andi DeSanto to use the lower field to hold the Healthy Kids Running Program in the spring and fall; Mike Massarelli seconded and the motion was approved. Mike DeSanto worked on 11 trees over the summer. He would like to remove the silver maple. The structure of the tree is problematic. Over the course of the winter he will prune the trees. Mike Sheil motioned to approve Mike DeSanto from Bartlett Tree to work on the trees at Whalley Park free of charge; Mike Massarelli seconded and the motion was approved.

Rail Trail

Pete Heap said the Friends of the Southwick Rail Trail can support P&R with \$6,000 between tree removal and a mower. Brooks said north of 57 and Depot Street area has significant root damage to the trail. He suggests putting up signs. David suggests putting caution on pavement to warn bicyclist of trail damage. David said he will get paint. Cara will ask DPW if they have a caution paint stencil P&R could borrow. If not, Pete said he can purchase one. Jeanne and David will look into the grant application to see if we can get funding for the root damage. The application is due at the beginning of February, they aren't sure this will leave them enough time to fill out the lengthy in depth application. Pete said he has some grant experience and would be willing to help. Dennis Clark also said he would be willing to help. Review quote for tree removal of the trees causing the root damage. David said he can take down some of the smaller trees and the town has a contract for tree removal. We will contact them for a quote of the larger trees. Dean was going to clean up the trail last week but the rail trail mower wouldn't start.

New Business

Finance budget request is due January 4, 2019. The board would like to include rail trail tree removal, trail repair, lawn mower, Whalley Park electric bills, and Whalley Park law care.

Meeting called to a close

8:02 pm Mike Massarelli motioned to adjourn the meeting; David DeiDolori seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by: _____

Jeanne Reed-Waldron _____

John Whalley _____

David DeiDolori _____

Mike Sheil _____

Mike Massarelli _____