



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2019

6:30 pm

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

Absent: Mike Massarelli

Guests: Peter Heap, Friends of the Southwick Rail Trail

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be August 14, 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

Freda Brown, events chair for Southwick's 250th, review of events they would like to hold at Whalley Park. They would also like to have an ice skating rink installed behind the Town Hall in January. Barbara Wescott spoke to the Fire Dept and they said she could use the hydrant in that area. Ruth with the Historical society would like to hold a reenactment of the olden days at the park with old style tents, people dressed in olden clothing and a fire. The board was concerned about the location and containment of the fire. They are requesting more detail. A concerned citizen, Holly, created a flyer to post and hand out at the park for people to pick up after their dogs. The board was in favor of this as the dog droppings are heavy at the park and it becomes a risk for children running and playing sports to slip and get hurt. Eric said one of the locks is missing on the 90' field. We will have him purchase locks that have the same key. The lawn at the park has been mowed too frequently and has a lot of dead spots. Mike Sheil will stop at the park tomorrow to talk to Joel about mowing once a week. John will have Down Under Irrigation take a look at the sprinklers for any adjustments that may be needed. We received complaints about the outfield on the 90' being so dead. Down Under will look at that also. The Wooden Bat League would like to use the 90' field lights for some games in August. They are going to pay the \$1,000 demand fee along with the normal rental fees.

Rail Trail

Brooks with the FOSRT would like the water fountain removed from the rail trail. It has been vandalized multiple times. John said it is shut off and capped. Cara will contact maintenance about having it removed.

Town Beach

The beach is scheduled to open for the season on Friday.

New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting called to a close

7:45 pm John Whalley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike Sheil seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by:_____

Jeanne Reed-Waldron_____

John Whalley _____

David DeiDolori_____

Mike Sheil_____

Mike Massarelli_____