



Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes January 9, 2019 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: Andrea DeSanto & Dean Sleeper

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be January 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

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 said a Healthy Kids Running Series Representative will map out the area three weeks prior to the event. Andi thinks the lower soccer area may be tight to get in a one mile run. There was a discussion about using the upper fields if they aren't rented. Mice at through the security camera wires in the maintenance building. Protective Security will fix it. Mike M. will buy mouse traps and put them in the maintenance building.

Rail Trail

Dean Sleeper will be away until June 1, 2019. Discussion about last season and the rail trail mower was broken down a lot. The trash barrels will need to be emptied weekly next season. Dean stated it is hard to collect trash and mow at the same time. Where do you put the trash on the mower? Dean will need loppers and toe strap for next season. He would like an extra two weeks at the end of the season. He needs a gas key to fill the tanks. Currently Joel is filling the tanks for him. If he runs out of gas and Joel is gone for the day he has no way of filling them. David removed four black locust trees. He will meet with Wayne Magni for a quote to remove the others. Review email from Dick Grannells recommending adding ADA access to rail trail near the skybox. Even with the grant P&R will need to come up with 20% toward the grant. Jeanne said this could be a long term goal.

New Business

Dick Grannells noted that the erosion at the waterfront of the old town beach is getting far worse. The source of the erosion is water flowing from the upland tree area. He, Dick Clark and Chris Faria feel that a grassed swale could be cut along the edge of the tree line and merged into the grassed swale that comes from the detention. The grassed swale would capture the overflow from the upland and prevent it from cutting its own ditch into the lake. He recommends adding this to the FY2020 budget request. He thinks Crestview could do this for \$2,000.00.

Meeting called to a close

7:52 pm Mike Sheil 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