



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2019

6:30 pm

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

Members not in Attendance: Mike Massarelli

Guests: Art Pinnell, Mike DeSanto, and Mike Doherty

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be April 24, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Public Comment

Art Pinnell came in to discuss the P&R budget expenses for next fiscal year. He asked about the \$17,000 request for lawn care; what would P&R do with the money that isn't used for lawn maintenance from the revolving account? This would enable P&R to do other things such as lights installed in the pavilion. Art said the finance committee and select board are looking at the budget. It is going to be tight this year, the roads are really bad. They are looking at a no frills budget. Art also asked about the root damage to the rail trail. There are three sections of the rail trail that the root damage is substantial and continues to get worse. Jeanne submitted a grant request and we are hoping to get the funding for the rail trail root damage.

Review Minutes and Bills

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

Whalley Park

John said Johnson electric was at the park today and will quote electricity at the pavilion. Mike from Bartlett tree is working on the trees at Whalley Park. He did root collar work, placed mulch around the trees and did structural pruning to the trees. He removed a silver maple. He would like to tend to the trees around the playscape next. He would like to move some of the clustered trees along the sidewalk near the playscape. Some oak trees have died. He suggests putting a Burr Oak at the park and a Golden Rain tree. Mike would be willing to show Joel and Eric how to properly mulch around the trees. Mike said some ideas for the future would include planting three Weeping Alaskan Cedar trees behind the Whalley Park entrance sign. He would like to plant a variety of different species of trees and possibly put plaques on them with the species name.

Mike Doherty is inquiring about the t-ball field. He is coaching kid's t-ball through the Rec Center. Mike Sheil explained the Rec Center charges a fee for children to play t-ball and part of the fee is for a shirt and hat. Part of the fee should be used for field use. P&R would be happy to accommodate the Recreation Center but they would need to help out with field maintenance fees. Maintenance said the heater element in the middle bathroom isn't working properly. John will check it out tomorrow. The Senior Center would like to hold a hoedown for the seniors at the park. Cindy Sullivan would like to know if she could have a pony or horse for photo prop at the park. The board said yes as long as they clean up after the pony.

Rail Trail

FOSRT continue to clean up the rail trail and fix the damaged wood fence half mile south of the tunnel. Joel and Eric will help clean up the rail trail the week of April 1 & 8th.

Kids Easter Egg Hunt

The egg hunt will be held at Whalley Park on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 10am. Ten High School NHS students have volunteered to help.

New Business

No new business

Meeting called to a close

7:48 pm David DeiDolori 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_____