



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# **Town of Southwick**

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

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### **Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

March 28, 2018

6:30 pm

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

Guests: Collin Emond, Jeffrey & Zachary Zastawny (Cub Scouts), Mike DeSanto

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be April 11, 2018 at 6:30pm.

### **Public Comment**

Collin Emond is a musical artist from Southwick. He produces and writes hip hop songs. He would like to hold a show at Whalley Park. He attended a concert put on by the Rotary Club last summer. His experience was enjoyable and would like to provide entertainment for the community. He would bring local talents that range from a variety of genres. He likes to inspire people and bring the public together. Jeanne asked him to write up a formal plan.

### **Review Minutes and Bills**

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

### **Whalley Park**

Melha Shrine Circus would like to hold their 11<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser at the park. The fundraiser event will include bbq, dj and Westfield River Brewery Wagon. They will need to apply for a one day liquor license. Review Southwick Travel Soccer request to use fields. Mike Sheil stated they will need to pay for use. He suggests they go back to the Southwick Soccer Committee and ask for funding. They receive significant payment from the players for soccer and they should be able to play on Foisee field. They are welcome to attend a meeting to discuss. Mike DeSanto with Bartlett Tree provided a presentation on care for trees. They take care of all aspects of trees. They have Lab's and PhD's that perform research on trees. He wants to help save the trees at Whalley Park. He researched the trees at the park and one quarter to one third will not make it in their current conditions at the park. He is willing to donate his time and equipment that is available to him to save them. The Horse Chestnut will not survive its current location. Some species will not tolerate less than ideal conditions. Direct contact of soil/mulch can cause decay. He suggests creating areas that are better for the tree. They should be watered frequently with gator bags especially during the first three years of growth. Irrigation every other day is not enough. The silver maple between the playground and pavilion is not an ideal spot for that tree as the roots are large. Mike DeSanto will identify trees in need and come up with a plan. John stated JL Construction put in all the trees, except two oaks at the entrance of the park. Chet and Joel are concerned about clearing the weeds

off the 70' field. They would like to use a rototiller. Mike S., Mike M., and David will drag the 70' field over the weekend and Chet and Joel can rake it out. David cleaned the field lining paint machine. Review JL Construction pay request and change order. The Board would like list of what makes up the \$19,042.09. John said we will need to close out JL Construction job to go ahead with the parking lot lights.

### **Rail Trail**

There is graffiti on some of the decorative rocks and on the wood fence. The Friends of the Rail Trail will clear it off. Someone put swastika on the rocks. There is a damaged curve sign a few hundred feet south of 57 that the Friends Group would like to either replace or remove. It does not serve a purpose. The Board would like the Friends Group to remove it.

### **New Business**

No new business

### **Meeting called to a close**

7:58pm 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 Massarelli\_\_\_\_\_

Mike Sheil\_\_\_\_\_