



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# **Town of Southwick**

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

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

July 25, 2018

6:30 pm

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be August 8, 2018 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**

The maintenance employees are requesting a rototiller for use at the park. The 70' is hard to maintain as the infield dirt gets compacted after the rain and hard to rake to remove weeds. The tiller they are requesting is rear tine for \$700. There was Discussion of renting at the beginning of each season for \$100. They would like to use throughout the season not just one day at the start of the season. The board would like more information on areas they will use the tiller. John will research tillers in a less expensive price range. The parking lot lights are on order for the park. There is eight week lead-time. John called Rob Levesque to get one on one mapping on the lights and finalize the JL construction agreement. John received an electrical bid for installation from W.F. Johnson & Son Electrical for approximately \$4,000. GPS would like to use the soccer fields again this fall. They would like to purchase a shed for the park that they could store their equipment in. They plan to put a lock on it and provide the code to P&R. The board agreed they do not want another shed at the park. Mike Sheil will tell them they can use the current shed to store their soccer equipment. There is no fall baseball reservations so there should be enough room. The Wood Bat League would like to use the field lights in August. At this time there are no other light reservations. The \$1000 Eversource bill would not be covered with one light reservation. Mike M. recommended offering them light use in September when there are more reservations to cover the cost of the light fee.

#### **Rail Trail**

FOSRT would like to fundraise for a new rail trail mower. The mower was down last year at the beginning of the summer and again this year. They would like to know how much P&R can pitch in. The board agreed they can not commit to an exact amount at this time as the current budget has to last through June 30, 2019. Toward the end of the fiscal year we will revisit to see what is left in the

budget. We received a call about the water fountain not being in working order. It was vandalized again. Someone knocked out the button you push to make the water flow. Also the access cover has been mangled beyond repair. The FOSRT was going to have a sheet metal shop make a new one but then the button got smashed. It has not worked this year. Because of its remote location the FOSRT would advise to remove the fountain. Vandals have always targeted this fountain since it was installed on the trail.

### **Town Beach**

The town beach is up and running smoothly.

### **New Business**

No new business

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

7:40 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 \_\_\_\_\_