



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# **Town of Southwick**

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

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

August 8, 2018

6:30 pm

Members in Attendance: John Whalley, David DeiDolori, Mike Sheil, Mike Massarelli and Cara Cartello

Members not in Attendance: Jeanne Reed-Waldron

Guests: Jen Hedges

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Mike Sheil at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be September 12, 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**

Jen Hedges is starting a youth field hockey team. They are looking for a field to use for two practices and one game weekly from August 27 through the end of October. She is also looking at use of the high school fields as they would be free. Jen stated the application process and getting approval from the superintendents is lengthy. Jen would be willing to purchase the field hockey cages and donate to P&R in exchange for field use for three years. She will line the fields. She will go through the Rec Center. They are asking for \$40 per player for insurance coverage. Uniforms are \$50 per player. \$60 for referees at home games. Agawam charges \$125 per field hockey player. Mike asked what length the grass would need to be. Jen said same as soccer. John Whalley motioned to approve proposed field hockey field use in exchange for donation of field hockey goals for two practices and one game a week from the last week of August to the last week of October for the years 2018, 2019, 2020; Mike Massarelli seconded and the motion was approved. The board agreed to put the roto tiller request on hold until the fall in hope that they will be on sale. John would like the maintenance employees to edge the sidewalks, spray the weeds and spray the mulch pile for weed prevention. Heritage Lawn contacted the office requesting the mower be raised during the heat of the summer. They said the lawn is being mowed at 1.5" and should be 3". Being cut too short causes stress on the lawn and patches where the grass will not grow. The board would like Joel to cut the lawn higher.

### **Rail Trail**

The bridge area near Edgewood to Suffield needs to be weed whacked. Review Michelle Hill e-mail. She was stopped in her car at the South Longyard stop sign and no bikers were in view. She proceeded through the stop sign and at that moment a man continued through the bike path onto the main road without stopping. She feels bikers guards are down on the depot area versus the Feeding Hills cross over. Kevin Bishop asked Sgt. Sanders to look at this situation and provide thoughts/suggestions. P&R looks forward to Police input on this situation. There are two stop signs on either side of the bike path to stop before crossing traffic.

### **Town Beach**

The Board of Health closed the beach on July 31, 2018 for elevated water bacteria count. It is still not open. Tom will continue to re-test until count is down and the beach can re-open.

### **New Business**

No new business

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

7:27 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\_\_\_\_\_