



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2018

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: Charlie Pratt and 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 September 26, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Public Comment

Charlie Pratt said the booster pump at Whalley Park was installed underground in error and should have been installed above ground. The pump is damaged from continuous flooding and exposure to dirt. He said it can be fixed with a new motor and some small parts. The pump will need to be placed above ground on a cement slab with a protective covering. He suggests purchasing a slotted fake rock. It needs a lot of air. It gets hot and runs mostly during the peak summer months. Charlie estimated the parts will cost \$1,300 and the fittings will cost \$100. He estimated it would take three or four hours of labor. He isn't sure the cost of labor. John Whalley motioned to approve the repair of the water pump at Whalley Park; Mike Sheil seconded and the motion was approved.

Review Minutes and Bills

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

Whalley Park

Mike DeSanto with Bartlett Tree Experts provided a detailed list of soil care, fertilization, tree and shrub work that is needed for the trees at the park to thrive. The invoice price of the work is \$3,965.00. He is willing to donate his time to do this in exchange for field time. He would like to use the field on Wednesdays from 5-6pm for eight weeks. John Whalley motioned to approve Mike DeSanto field time for Wednesdays for eight weeks in exchange for tree service; Mike Sheil seconded and the motion was approved. Cara will contact Joel to mow the lower soccer field for Mike DeSanto. Review Bob Johnson list of Maintenance procedures at Whalley Park. The P&R board would like one of the bathrooms left open until November 19th instead of closing all of them November 1st. The fields are reserved until November 18th. One of the renting teams is a large paying team - \$22,000 per year. Joel and Eric are requesting 2-3 hours to complete the edging for a few weeks. John motioned to allow Joel and Eric up to three hours per week for up to four weeks; Mike Sheil seconded and the motion was approved. The P&R board would like updates on edging

weekly. The light poles ship date is September 21, 2018. Jen Hedges is using the High School hockey fields. Mike Sheil said the soccer team is having a hard time with the paint machine. Dave will take a look at it this weekend.

Rail Trail

The FOSRT would like to donate \$4,000 toward a new mower for the rail trail. The current mower is old and breaks down every season. This spring it was down for over two weeks and we received a lot of complaints about the grass being extremely high. P&R does not have a secondary mower for back up on the trail. The FOSRT is recommending a SCAG Tiger Cat II mower for \$9,400. The P&R board agreed they would like to accept this offer if they can come up the money. Jeanne suggested revisiting in January when we will have a better idea of how much money we have left in our current year fiscal budget. This will give us enough time to order it before spring.

Town Beach

Alan Hout would like to metal detect at the beach. He will scan the water up to 6 feet. He will remove and dispose of any trash he finds. Kevin Bishop at the police department gave him the go ahead and just asked that he check with P&R first. The P&R board said he can perform his searches at the beach.

Children's Halloween Party

Trick or treating around the town hall will be Friday October 26th from 6-7:30. Jeanne suggested purchasing bags to make the cotton candy ahead of time.

New Business

No new business

Meeting called to a close

7:46 pm John Whalley 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_____