



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2018

6:30 pm

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

Members not in Attendance: David DeiDolori

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be October 10, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Public Comment

Review Minutes and Bills

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

Whalley Park

P&R has been notified that unauthorized teams may be using the lower back soccer fields. Contact the Recreation Center to have them come in to discuss field use. Chris Whalley said the soccer field grass is too long. The US Soccer regulations are 1"-2.5" max. The lit soccer field was a good length but the upper back fields were too long. Cara will contact the grounds employees at the park and have them mow on Friday or Thursday the same height they did the lit field last week. The modified soccer nets will be moved to the lower fields for Wednesdays and back to upper fields for the weekend. The Town Maintenance employee will be done cleaning bathrooms for the season on November 1st. The bathroom near the pavilion can be open but it won't be staffed to clean from Nov 1- 16th. How much would it cost to have the ADA porta potty put near the soccer field and have it cleaned? There is so much work to do up at Whalley park the board agreed they would rather have the grounds employees work on leaves, mowing and edging rather than using their time to clean the bathrooms. Have maintenance close all three bathrooms as they initially wanted to. The bathrooms will be locked for the Rugged Maniac this weekend. Mike Mazz can volunteer time parking cars on Saturday. John Whalley and Mike Sheil will be there both Saturday and Sunday. Cara will contact the High School NHS director to ask student's to help. Walt, at Heritage Lawn reported there is quite a bit of lawn damage. Walt suggests re-seeding now. The board said the guys don't need to over seed, they are doing a good job with the grounds at the park. Keep working on the edging. Jessica Whalley-Loudon wants to start a soccer league for 7-9 year olds on the lower field at the park. She will need insurance coverage. They would like start next year. The board is requesting she come to a meeting with her proposal.

Rail Trail

FOSRT reported a washout area developing. It is located on the North end, about 500 feet south of the kiosk. It is close to the blacktop and approximately the size of a kitchen sink. They said it could easily be filled and stabilized with about ¼ yard of crushed stone. To fix it now would cost \$20 if it goes untreated it could cost thousands to repair. David DeiDolori will work with Brooks to fill this. John will go take a look at the hole on Thursday, Sept 27th.

New Business

Review Open Space Recreation Plan. Where would we get funding to do all of the listed goals/suggestions? P&R needs time to review all the items. They don't appear to be very attainable.

Meeting called to a close

7:37 pm John Whalley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike Massarelli seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by:_____

Jeanne Reed-Waldron_____

John Whalley _____

David DeiDolori_____

Mike Sheil_____

Mike Massarelli_____