



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# **Town of Southwick**

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

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

October 10, 2018

6:30 pm

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

Members not in Attendance: Mike Sheil

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be October 24, 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**

Town Maintenance has scheduled the water to be shut off on November 19, 2018. All the bathrooms except the one near the pavilion will be closed November 1<sup>st</sup>. The board discussed options of placing a porta potty at the park. It would cost \$100 to clean it for two weeks, move it and apply winter brine. The board agreed to leave the bathrooms near the pavilion open from Nov 1-18<sup>th</sup>. The light switch covers in the men's and women's bathrooms near the pavilion are broken. Maintenance is asking if they should fix or if P&R wants to hire someone. John Whalley said he stopped by on the way to the meeting and they weren't broken. Going forward P&R would prefer to have town maintenance fix to save on labor costs. John said ten parking lot lights were installed and there are eight to go. The bagger for the mower is ready. Do we want it delivered and installed or do we want to pick it up and install ourselves. It will cost \$180 to install. P&R will pick it up and install it. Discuss Jessica Whalley-Loudon email. The Recreation Center has advised their volunteer soccer coaches they are not allowed to use the Rec Center fields as a practice field, and they could try to sneak on the Whalley Park fields. The P&R board would like to invite the Recreation Center to a meeting to discuss field use at Whalley Park.

### **Rail Trail**

The rail trail employee, Dean, is done mowing weekly for the season. He will perform leaf clean up once the leaves have fallen from the trees. The Friends of the Southwick Rail Trail is inquiring on the repair status of the two root damaged sections of the rail trail. We will have them get quotes for repair and P&R will submit with the next budget request. They are also requesting a blower attachment for the front of the ATV. The FOSRT would be willing to pay for it. The board does not

think it is necessary at this time. The trail mower was inspected by Bob Johnson. He said it has more than 300 hours on it and will continue to break as parts are getting old. Preventative maintenance will not prevent parts from breaking. He suggested purchasing a new mower for the trail and using the old as a secondary mower. Brooks with FOSRT will get a quote to have the path from miller road parking lot to trail paved. The current packed millings are loose and dangerous when exiting the trail on a bike. He is also going to get a quote to have the new area rolled and refreshed as the snow plow wrecked the surface last winter.

**Children's Halloween Party – Oct 26, 2018 6pm**

Cara contacted NHS director and she has eight students that will volunteer.

**New Business**

Review and update Open Space Plan worksheet.

**Meeting called to a close**

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