



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2023

6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting

Attendance: Jeanne Reed-Waldron, David DeiDolori, Rick Harriman, Michael Sheil, Cindy Sullivan

Absent: John Whalley III and Cara Cartello

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:31 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will be August 9, 2023.

Public Comment

Joseph Deedy, Southwick Civic Fund President. 258 Feeding Hills Road Southwick, MA 01077

Mr. Deedy wanted to update the board on the Fireworks being held at Whalley Park on 7/15/2023.

He informed the commissioners he would pick up the trash the day after the event to avoid any staff having to do it.

Review Minutes and Bills

Motion was made by David DeiDolori and seconded by Rick Harriman to approve the meeting minutes for May 10, 2023 and June 14, 2023 as presented. Motioned accepted by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Jeannie Reed-Waldron and seconded by David DeiDelori to move Old business to item 3 on the agenda. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Old Business:

- a. Chapter 61 protocols or recommendations- Ms. Maryssa Cook-Obregon attended the meeting to update and answer questions. She was able to clear up the timeframes and reported the 30 and 45 day timelines are state mandated. There were no other questions regarding the protocols. Motion was made by Mike Sheil and seconded by Rick Harriman to endorse the Chapter 61 protocols with clarifications. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. Shade Canopy at Whalley Park update: Cindy Sullivan and Rick Harriman reported that they did some research on the Shade Canopies. Commissioner Harriman discussed that the pricing is dependent on size and material etc. Commissioner Reed-Waldron wanted the commissioners to go to Whalley Park before our next meeting in August to look at location and determine size of the canopy. There is no need to call companies to get a quote until we know what we are looking for. Ms. Sullivan will reach out to Rebecca

Perron to find out her thoughts on location and dimensions of the shade she was advocating for. We will discuss at our next meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Update

David Sutton, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, was not present at the meeting nor was there an update provided. The board asked that Mr. Sutton attend the next meeting as the board is requesting an update. It was noted that he has missed the last 3 meetings. David D. indicated that he believed the trees he asked to be taken down were removed. He also expressed frustration that there needs to be better communication.

Whalley Park:

- a. Motocross Parking Review: Commissioner Mike Sheil reported that the day went very well. The crowd was well behaved. Commissioner Jeannie Reed-Waldron would like the volunteers to be in shifts next year instead of a long hot 5-6 hour day.
- b. Spray Park: Commissioner John Whalley was not present at the meeting to discuss Spray Park. Mr. Stinehart, CAO, had sent an email regarding an update on scope of service. Ms. Reed-Waldron said she would reach out to Mr. Whalley for an update.

Rail Trail:

Commissioner David D. reported there is a volunteer who will be pruning some of the brush. He will not be using any electrical equipment. He thinks the rail trail looks good.

Town Beach:

Season passes: Ms. Sullivan presented some area pricing for season passes for individuals and families. We will address this issue in more detail in the Fall and hope for implementation by next season.

Old Town Beach: Mr. Stinehart, CAO, recommended sending a letter to resident dumping on the site using the constable this way there is a record that the resident received the letter. This will be done before the next meeting.

Director Goals and Objectives: Ms. Sullivan presented the Commission with written goals and objectives summary. Mr. Sheil recommended that a goal for next year could be to discuss with Rugged Maniac regarding pre-paid parking. He agreed to work on this issue along with Joe Deedy to get clarity with all parties at the table. No other comments or suggestions. Motion made by David D to approve the goals and objectives and Mike Sheil seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business

Nothing to discuss

Meeting called to a close

7:40 pm Mike Sheil motioned to adjourn the meeting; David DeiDolori seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Jeanne Reed-Waldron_____

John Whalley _____

David DeiDolori_____

Mike Sheil_____

Rick Harriman_____