

Parks and Recreation
Meeting Minutes
March 15th, 2021

Call to order 7:33 PM

Members Present: Keith Bilafer, Mark Morin, Bob O'Shea, Michelle Lauria, Doug Thornton

Audience: Jennifer Pinney, Larry Feinberg, Abby Besse, Kara Minar

Minutes Approval for 3/1/21 – Keith motioned, Mark seconded, vote **4-0**

Public Communications

- Sub-committee Chair(s)

No updates

- Liaison Communication (SB, Schools, PB, Finance)

No updates

- General Public

Jenn spoke of the upcoming lacrosse season – 4/11 first game, starting with away games, 8 teams, some play games here, all practice here. Regarding scheduling she said she “had to submit by today a first draft on the girls side” and for all programs she needs to know if they would not have access to fields they have had in the past so she can enter that into the league’s scheduling systems. Keith entered lacrosse scheduling data into CivicRec last fall. She will work with Keith. Discussion of goalie area being torn up, Jenn commented: “If we had turf, that wouldn’t be a problem”.

Program Updates

Fields

- Field Rotation Plan

We revisited the topic from the 3/1 meeting (see those minutes). Keith met with the schools, “they felt blindsided”, they have agreed to prepare for a fall field rotation. Kara will investigate getting warrant article into spring town meeting to cover fall bussing and field usage expenses. Keith motioned to “start the field rotation in the fall”, Mark seconded, vote **5-0**

- Generic Ball Field NOI Status – hearing extended to 3/18

We have an agreement on content with ConCom, fertilizer type still unresolved, Tim K. to present solution to Liz Allard; hearing extended to 3/18 because they needed to get a file number from DEP

- Infield Plan/Status

Dan spent an hour with Alan (previous vendor), work in progress for this season’s maintenance recommendations; Larry reports that Lonnie had also been in touch with Alan, has not heard back. Long discussion about maintenance that ended with Bob suggesting he would add to the permit that fields need to be dragged after use.

- **MOU with the Schools/DPW/Library**

Bob mentioned another town's MOU and asked if we should use it as a model and mark it up for us, or should we do something simpler? Michelle commented "don't rewrite the book ..., if they have a good plan just follow it". Discussion about quarterly-or-monthly meeting with school.

Keith discussed opening fields. Bob discussed ordering port-a-potties. Keith mentioned Ultimate starts first and they are scheduled for the second week in April, soccer starts 4/11 or 12.

Beach Operations (1:01:40)

- **BHRA Agreement**

Michelle reports that "the contract is all approved, Tim got an ok to sign per my phone call with Pam because she spoke to Bragan today".

- **Parking Stickers**

Parking stickers have all been ordered.

- **Beach Program Plans**

No update.

Bob reports the end of snowshoeing season. Boat rental opens on 4/1. Fee discussion, last year's fees were \$60/\$15 seasonal/day, Michelle suggests increasing to 65/20. Michelle motioned "to increase the daily boat rental to \$20 and increase the seasonal rental to 65", Keith seconded, vote **5-0**.

Bob discussed getting 4 new paddleboards plus one to replace damaged board at \$400 apiece, Michelle motioned, Keith seconded, vote **5-0**.

Track and Commons

Track clinic is all setup. Marcus Lewis tennis will be set up for the summer.

- **Scout projects**

Bob met with Alex and set him up to do rack repair; rack to be built to hold SUPs, he will put plan together to present to commission. Bat house project, scout is recommending houses go on poles rather than trees. Mark asked about additional cost.

Event Requests and New Business

Bob mentioned people in town wanting to build a "pump track" for mountain biking, they will present to us at some future meeting; Tim Bragan has been asked about a skateboard park. Michelle mentioned that we should specify any park as for non-motorized equipment.

Adjourn 9:15 – Michelle motioned / Mark seconded vote **5-0**; Next Meeting: April 5th