

Harvard Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes October 24, 2022

Attending; Mark Morin, Bob O'Shea, Sam Levine, Betsy Calkins, Matt Benway, Sam Levine, Marisa Steele, Joan Eliyesil

Start 7:30pm

Preamble and Sound check

Steele motioned to accept minutes of 10/11, Benway 2nd, approved 4-0

Public Comment – none

Recreation Director Status

- O'Shea commented about TA saying that they cannot hire a fulltime Rec. Director until July 1. They claim beach money can only be used for beach director position.
- O'Shea frustrated with TA making this announcement after position was approved at town meeting. TA should have made this clear before warrant article was written. Now waiting to see what town council has to say.
- O'Shea suggested we could rewrite director position description to cover FY23 to accommodate TA, still too confusing

Beach Operations

- Levine and O'Shea painted beach house office floor with help from Johansen, also room was reorganized.
- Too cold to paint outside of building
- Crew room not painted yet
- Dock mooring project is complete
- DPW so far has refused to do any weed whacking @ the beach. May need to outsource grounds maintenance at the beach.
- Benway offered to weed whack once a month if necessary

FIELDS

- Steele commented on the use of the state monies awarded this year. Work to be done to upper and lower Depot fields
- Deep core aeration could not be completed because sprinkler heads were not marked. DPW would not turn sprinklers on. Project on hold till spring.
- Some work can be done in the fall. 3 Seasons to use dormant seeding process.
- Lower Depot has been closed and all groups have been notified.

- There is a possibility that some groups may need to rent fields in the spring. Steele to check reports in CivicRec to verify spring field usage.
- Ryan Land and Ann Lees work to start. 3 Seasons won the bid.
- Final decisions on sheds to be determined.
- Steele to meet with ConsCom 11/3 to discuss water needed to irrigate fields.
- Benway met with 3 Seasons about how the fields should look after reno project
- O'Shea wants the fence at Ann Lees to stay at 200 feet.
- Steele noted that Liz Allard sent out a survey for recreation use. Survey should be forwarded to all respective groups for their input.
- O'Shea got an email from VonLoesecka about grants from CPA and Blue Cross/Blue Shield for outdoor recreation programs. O'Shea suggests sending info to pickleball group.

TRACK/TRAILS

- Inside playground fence area needs to be completed by 7/1
- Most work to wait till spring

NEW BUSINESS

- Finance department to send out budget documents on 10/25. Budget request to be submitted by 12/1
- Benway to work on budget proposals early November.

Morin motioned to adjourn, Steele 2nd, approved 5-0

8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Morin

Commissioner, P&R