

Parks and Recreation

Meeting minutes April 4, 2022

Prepared by: Mark Morin

Attending; Bob O'Shea, Keith Bilafer, Michelle Lauria, Marisa Steele, Mark Morin, Marisa Khurana, Holly, Pam, Kevin Mitrano, James O'Leary

7:30 pm - O'Shea introduces meeting and does sound check

Approval of meeting minutes for March 7th is tabled to another meeting

Bilafer motions to approve minutes for March 25th, Steele 2nd, Morin abstained, Approved 3 – 0.

BHRA Regattas

- Fun regatta scheduled for May 14
- Henley Regatta planned for April 24
- Discussion with P & R outlining the water routes and beach requirements. Water operations already approved by the harbormaster.
- BHRA to introduce a coffee truck at the beach
- Bilafer concerned with possible parking issues due to youth lacrosse playing the same day. BHRA suggests that no issue due to Regatta crowds calm down by 11 am. Parking will be allowed on Warren Ave.
- Boat ramp will be closed during the Henley event. Fun regatta is an inter-quad event and will not close the boat ramp.
- BHRA will request a fire boat from the fire department.
- Motion by Lauria to approve event requests for Henley and fun regatta, 2nd Bilafer, approved 5 – 0
- BHRA offered to recarpet pontoon float and float it backout onto the pond. They also asked to have the water turned back on at the beach.
- Lauria to ask DPW to have the water turned on.

Boat Lottery

- O'Shea generated lottery results for canoe rack, outer moorings, and dock space. • 5 people were grandfathered from last year's mishap of not having enough rack space after winning the lottery in 2021 plus 103 were awarded spots for the 2022 season. • O'Shea to repair one of the racks w/new 2 x 6's
- 10 people were awarded slips & remaining non winners were added to the outer mooring lottery where 18 people were awarded. Cove moorings are a tough sell. Non

winners are encouraged to use the boat rental kiosk.

- Mitrano ordered new purple stickers for the boat lottery winners. Hopefully to be mailed out by May 1st.

Fields

- O'Leary discussed new signage proposal for Ryan land and Ann Lee's
- Estimated cost is around \$600 with installation. Budget is tight due to rising cost of fertilizer and seed.
- O'Shea to discuss with ConsCom about constructing a 2-pole sign at Ann Lee's. Discussion about looking for extra funds in budget to help with the cost of the signs. • Steele motioned for P&R to approve signs for Ryan land and Ann Lee's with ConsCom approval and for P&R to pay up to \$300 if money is available in the fields and commons budget by 2021 fiscal end., Bilafer 2nd, approved 5 – 0
- Steele & O'Leary proposed the need for help to clean up misc. debris at the fields • Lauria suggests talking to DPW for use of dump truck to fill with debris from the fields. • Mitrano will coordinate with DPW for use of dump truck.
- Discussion about who is paying for \$1000 deposit for Deven's fields. Club fees should be supporting the \$1000 deposit.
- Discussion to look into a hydrometer to help measure field saturation which will help determining field closures.
- Selectman request the use of Depot parking lot for a bike race on August 21st. • O'Shea & Bilafer to notify other groups that the parking lot will be used by bike race group on Aug. 21st.

Track & Trails

- Steele discusses the install of the slide @ Harvard Park on 4/11. DPW to pour the forms the next day.
- CPC granted monies for the slide, park bench, and picnic bench.
- FinCom approved funds for the slide, thus not needing the money from CPC. CPC suggested we do an amendment @ town meeting to decrease the amount needed as outlined in the town warrant. CPC money cannot be used for maintenance.
- Steele noted that TA did not approve SB request for Rantoul Grant to fund the remainder of the mulch replenishment
- The scope of work to level, add fabric to reduce weeds and spread mulch was not relayed to DPW from TA. Furthermore, TA never explained to DPW the amount of mulch (150 cu.yds.) that needs to be spread.
- DPW does not have the budget to do anymore than spread the mulch. • Steele will try one more attempt with TA to get the correct improvements needed for the playground.
- O'Shea suggests the playground to be closed until it is improved properly.

- May have to go to FinCom for unforeseen expenses.
- Discussion continues about frustration with lack of support from TA and DPW with work that needs to be accomplished with the town fields and Harvard Park.

New Business – none

Next meeting Scheduled for 4/25/21

10:06 pm Steele motioned to adjourn, Morin 2nd, approved 4 - 0