

Parks and Recreation  
Meeting Minutes  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Call to order 7:33 PM

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

**Audience:** Alex Myles, Roger Cameron, Todd Currie, Abby Besse, Jennifer Finch, Gonzalo Castro, Ben Baron, Harvard Press

Minutes Approval for 3/15/21 – Keith motioned, Mark seconded, vote **5-0**

**Eagle Scout Presentation – Alex Myles**

Paddle board rack build – PVC pipe rack 8 feet long, 6 wide, will hold 10 paddleboards

PVC will last longer than pressure treated wood near water, price is comparable and it has less of an environmental impact; Design – ladder design, boards resting on three rungs, could be modular to allow for expansion, 2 Azek boards; Schedule – ideally done by mid-July, possibly June

**Cost**

- 42x T-piece fitting = \$131
- 18x double T-piece = \$94
- 12x elbow fitting = \$33
- 21x 10ft. PVC pipe = \$171
- 2x primer/glue cans = \$16
- 2x .75"x5.5"x12' Azek board = \$66
- 2x(6x bolt, 6x hex nut, 6x lock washer, 12x flat washer) = \$33
- TOTAL: \$544



Bob discussed need; Keith asked about source of pricing; Doug asked about dimensions relative to our existing board inventory; discussion about funding

**Public Communications (22:30)**

○ Sub-committee Chair(s)

No representatives present.

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

Abby reports next school athletic season starts 4/26 and runs as late as 7/3; meeting Friday 1pm

Jennifer reports budget has gone through finance committee and select board; Bob mentioned need to go into reserve fund to cover cost of additional infield work needed due to missed maintenance.

○ General Public

Roger and Todd gave an initial presentation about their idea to build a 'pump track'. They showed a project underway by an Eagle Scout in Acton. Pump track is for bikes and is a "small loop trail that contains rollers, bank turns... natural features... creating momentum by body movements or peddling". They have a 15-page presentation they would like to bring to a future meeting. Bob asked about trees, mature trees do not need to be removed; Keith asked about maintenance, "community of enthusiasts" will maintain; Bob suggested presentation cover if Harvard residents only and ideas about parking.

## **Program Updates**

### Fields (36:00)

- Generic Ball Field NOI Status – hearing extended to 4/1

Waiting on number from DEP; discussion about field closure

- Infield Plan/Status

Keith spoke to Dan, specialist maintaining infields is still up in the air; Dan has asked to break out quote to Covid related updates and current maintenance.

- Field use/permit status

Discussed HYBSA not filling out permits; discussed HAA lacrosse “terse... demanding... insulting” emails.

### Beach Operations (57:30)

- Boat Storage LOTTERY

The boat slips lottery was the contentious thing this year, expanded to 10 slips from the usual 8 (since we have space on the dock for smaller boats). Discussion about making information public, names will be kept private to avoid “he’ll let me barbeque on his boat, no problem”.

- BHRA Agreement

One member of the Pond Committee does not like our contract, issue has been turned down by town council. Other issues going on, town council involved.

- Beach Program Plans/Status

Stickers have come in. Swimming lessons for this year were going to be level 4 and up. Michelle asked the board for opinions about private or semi-private lessons for younger kids (semiprivate meaning parents have ok’ed kids being together). Private lessons could run all day, keep prices the same since it is a Covid issue. Michelle is putting together programming description, recommends publishing a “hiring day” so everyone shows up un person and gets the same Covid information. Current beach director is basically MIA. Bob suggests we “in parallel” start advertising for a new beach director. Sailboat are stuck in South America.

Bob mentioned that dock was damaged by the ice, crew team will repair.

### Track and Commons (1:30:00)

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

- Scout projects

Keith gave update on current projects.

- Apron crack status

Mark is trying to get in touch with a few paving companies.

## **Event Requests and New Business (1:36:30)**

- Planning Board update

Stacia reports that Planning Board will present two bylaws at spring town meeting. First is for 125 57, senior residential development which will be done in three town meetings over next year and a half. Second is amending accessory apartment bylaw, will now be called accessory dwelling unit, 125 18.1.

CPC funds will open for another round of funding for fall town meeting.

- Discussed Track clinic and Marcus Lewis tennis

- Discussed two applications to fill open P&R spot

Adjourn 9:44 – Michelle motioned / Mark seconded vote **5-0**; Next Meeting: April 26<sup>th</sup>