

Parks and Recreation
Town Hall
March 3, 2020

Meeting called to order 7:31

Present: Doug Thornton, Michelle Lauria, Steve Victorson
Beach Director: Alexandra Luck
Harbor Master: Bob O'Shea

Meeting minutes approval:

Doug motioned to approve 12/16/19, 1/7/2020 and 1/23/2020 with minor name correction.
Michelle seconded

Approved 3-0

Program Updates

Beach operations

Discussed newly proposed swim lesson rates. Allie gave her input and suggested a lower jump to 60.00 versus 75.00 and do away with the 30% discount for any additional lessons. The previous rate increases have been in 10.00 increments. The goal with lessons is to get as many people to take as many lessons as possible. The board discussed overall beach revenue. After a larger discussion of beach expenses and staff salaries, it was decided to stay with the original vote.

Bob O'Shea - Kiosk: Making progress. Will be ready to go 4/1/2020 and will go through the end of October.

Bob is working on finding boats that will include a paddle board and a peddle boat. The boats will be a combination of donated and purchased.

Dave Woodsome will do the electrical work at the pond.

Discussed bill payment for utilities. Doug will discuss with the town that they should make these basic payments.

Field updates

Bob reviewed the fields calendar on the Parks and Rec. website. The committee needs to let all field users know that a permit is now required. Doug will contact all committees regarding the new permit and signup process.

With new fields calendar why do we need to go in and approve all requests. Doug commented that as long as we have all annual town events on the calendar that we could remove the requirement for approval for all other requests.

Field maintenance - Discussed DPW's Spring plan and field closure after fertilization.

Ken Hoggins asked: What about fixing holes and ruts on the fields/ Doug will go to DPW and ask them for their plan and have this information by the next meeting. Dan Daley emphasized the need for aeration. If the ground is not frozen how about a March aeration. Girls lacrosse will not be using the front field until April 6.

Discussed Anne Lees. Discussed that Bromfield school field cannot be accessed for maintenance during the school day due to physical education classes. Bob discussed that Civic Rec could be used to schedule a field for maintenance. Bob wondered who was on the Bromfield school field today. All fields are still closed.

Dan Daley suggested that we get signs. Michelle will purchase 20 field closed signs.

Dan Daley discussed the need for more volunteers for the fields committee and needs a replacement for Joe.

Dan asked whether or not the Parks and Rec is being consulted on the Anne Lees Project.

No the school has not consulted the Parks and Rec on this project although Doug has attended one of their meetings.

Bob gave a summary of the finance committee meeting and the question of funds that were given to the DPW for fields maintenance over the years. The DPW is getting money every year from our department, but that money is no longer accounted for as our funds. The DPW does have available funds to do the work on the fields. They have more than just the 15k that we gave them this year.

Michelle motioned to appoint Dan Daily our representative to the open space committee. Steve seconded. Passed 3-0.

Ken Hoggins asked about putting a camera into the drain lines at the track.

Discussed DPW's role in keeping the fields in working order.

Budget Updates

Discussed payments and bills.

Public communications

Meeting Adjourned: 10:07 PM