

Parks and Recreation
Meeting Minutes
January 4th, 2021

Call to order 7:30 PM

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

Audience: John Osborn, Hannah Taylor

Minutes Approval – 12/21/20 Keith motioned, Doug seconded, vote **3-0**

Budget Feedback

Questions were due today but not received, we have to the 18th to respond

Program Updates

Fields

○ Operations Meeting

Happened today – Keith's update: discussed manpower with DPW; learned fulltime person is split, not intern; Memorial Day is a challenging time for DPW

Bob mentioned Bragan made it clear we defined scope

Doug suggested setting expectation you are going to be reviewing fields Wednesday for weekend use

Linda says Gail Bruning can get trained on CivicRec so school can update schedule

Bob says DPW has 11 ½ people, they thought they could do work with 11, so we may not need ½ person

Next meeting in February

Doing something at Devens in the fall

○ Generic Ball Field NOI Status

No progress

○ Infield Plan / Status

Keith – got info from vendor, working on an RFQ; sorting out issue of inaccurate bill from last year

Doug asked about bill: of the two halves for Ryan and two halves for Pond, we paid 2, HAA paid for 1, but only 2 of 4 got done, we may be owed for our 1/2 of Pond work not done

Track and Commons (32:50)

○ Snowshoe program opening

Bob covered turning on the program

Bob suggests \$10 for 4 hours, \$20 for full day / kids' half price (5 for half 10 for full)

Doug asked about equipment – came out at higher price but still under budget since we allocated extra

Bob showed picture of equipment in Kiosk (minute 39 of video)

Question from Harvard Press – how do people donate snowshoes? Bob showed where to find info online

Beach Operations (43:00)

Alley and Michelle need to prepare for next summer; may be able to have boating lessons, adult programs, swim levels 4 and above

Boat trade – Marblehead boating club offered high price; Bob offered 6 scenarios for boats, commission decided to sell Tech Dinghy's and buy Pico's.

Vote – Keith motioned to “to adopt scenario two” (which is to sell the Tech Dinghy's and purchase Pico's); Michelle seconded, vote **4-0**

Public Communications

- None

Event Requests and New Business

- Next due date on 2022 budget is town report, due February

Adjourn 8:45 – Michelle motioned / Doug seconded vote **4-0**

Next Meeting: TDB