

Parks and Recreation  
Meeting Minutes  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Call to order 7:30 PM

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

**Audience:** Jack Babcock, Roger Cameron, Todd Currie, Harvard Press

Minutes Approval for 4/5/21 – Michelle motioned, Mark seconded, vote **5-0**


**Eagle Scout Presentation – Jack Babcock**

Depot fields storage and seating, will build two benches 2x2x10, water resistant, able to be moved by one adult, but heavy enough to not be a problem; chains and toy box hinges; timeframe, early to mid July; cost \$500. Keith asked about handles for moving boxes, Jack will take ideas; Bob discussed fund raising. Keith asked about painting or staining, Jack is using decking boards, Keith asked about underneath, Jack will review. Bob mentioned raising the base so as to not create barriers for animals. Feet lifts hole structure off the ground. Michelle mentioned bringing issue to ConCom; Bob to call Liz. Keith motioned to approve the two benches, Doug seconded, vote **5-0**


**Pump Track Presentation (18:00) – Roger Cameron, Todd Currie**

Presentation summarized what we learned last meeting. Special thanks to 17 year old in Acton for borrowed presentation framework; Who we are: outdoor enthusiasts; what is a pump track, small loop trail with berms and rollers – ¼ to ½ acer; Chelmsford pump track (NEMBA – New England Mountain Bike Association) has been huge success, very few problems; proposed land location, center of town, using existing amenities and parking; potential location include lot #8 and #9; design, all dirt bought in, 100+ yards, 1) natural topsoil not disturbed, 2) choose correct dirt, and 3) external dirt easier to establish proper drainage; signage, parking and trash discussed; funded locally and through grants, \$4K-\$5K; closed in winter.

### What is a pump track?




<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thPcG6cZahoc>



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- A small loop trail that contains banked turns called berms and natural features such as rollers which can be ridden by pumping (creating momentum with body movements) or pedaling.
- A relatively short circuit which can be built in an area as small as 1/2 to 1/4 acres.
- Although extra dirt is needed, pump tracks leverage existing terrain to blend in with the natural environment
- Helps riders improve balance, carrying momentum, bike handling skills, and safety.
- Like a skatepark but no concrete and all dirt

### Track Placement



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Mark asked about maintenance, Roger mentioned freeze/thaw period, winter closure; Keith asked about rain, light rain helps, otherwise like any bike trail; Doug asked about size, 90x180, & safety, dependent on design and rules signage; Bob recommends going to water/sewer commission to ask about option 1 verses 2; Bob asked about programs and trees; Keith asked about bike safety training. Vote: Keith motioned to support either site depending on water commission input, Mark seconded, **5-0**

## **Public Communications (1:00:00)**

- Sub-committee Chair(s)

None

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

None

- General Public

None

## **Program Updates**

### Fields

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

All set, closed hearing, waiting on number from DEP

- Infield Plan/Status

Order split into 1) material delivery (heavy equipment needing prevailing wage) and 2) actual work. Funding discussion, we will not pay more than what our budget shows – 6K.

- Field use/permit status

Keith discussed paint issue; lining Bromfield field for lacrosse took a lonng time; Bob has been in contact with Dave B.; Doug asked about track clinic, Dave B. and David Bell are coordinating; Keith reports HYBSA getting all scheduling info to him.

### Beach Operations (1:22:00)

- BHRA Agreement

Have not heard back from Tim, Pam has requested a meeting and has requested May 1<sup>st</sup> decision date.

- Beach Program Plans/Status

Michelle reports that hiring days went well, beach director is not returning, meeting with Marie tomorrow; Steve may do instructor training; Michelle may take beach director job for interim year; Bob mentioned tearing up rug and painting floor with non-slip paint; Bob mentioned Melanoma program (Emerson funding sunscreen).

- Boat Program Plans/Status

Lottery done, rental kiosk open, 4 paddleboards out, kayak patched, Boy Scouts helped fix racks, Garry from BHRA fixed dock, volunteer dove to fix moorings, town boat ready.

### Track and Commons (1:40:00)

- Plan to use Depot/Lancaster trail grant

\$585 needs to be spent on trail, Mark will investigate.

- Apron crack status

Mark has sent emails out to paving companies, has not gotten responses. PJ Albert not returning calls.

### **Event Requests and New Business**

We owe a response to the Select Board about volunteer candidates, by Friday

Adjourn 9:30 – Keith motioned / Mark seconded vote **5-0**; Next Meeting: May 3<sup>rd</sup>