

Holliston Parks & Recreation Commission Wednesday, April 7, 2010

In attendance: Tom Dumas, Tom Chipman, Pete Hill, Tibor Nemeth, Bob Nemet, Maureen Korson, Kristen Hedrick, Brett Morrison

Minutes

Minutes for November 18th, **Tom Dumas made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Tibor Nemeth seconded, unanimous.**

Minutes for December 16, **Tom Chipman made a motion to accept the minutes from December 16, Tibor seconded, Tom Dumas abstains.**

Mark Ahronian met with Maureen Korson at Goodwill Park and he would like to donate some plants for the area around the new pavilion. This will help soften the look of the new structure.

Grant follow-up

The federal grant application was submitted Wednesday March 26. The town is looking for a reimbursement of \$106,000.00. If the town is awarded the grant then this will cover the cost of the playground. The parking lot was part of this plan submitted for the grant. Pete Hill questioned if they can put the playground without the parking lot. The commission agreed the parking would help with the traffic flow on the street and the safety of the kids. Maureen met with Applewood Survey and discussed reducing the parking to 12 angled parking including two handicapped. The surfacing there now is not ADA compliant, the new playground would be ADA compliant. Mr. Tibor Nemeth stated that he has noticed more teenagers are hanging out in the playground, and not as many families. Tom Chipman would like to move forward with this and if the money does not come through by fall 2010 then the Park Commission would need to replace the equipment without the major renovation. Tom Dumas thought that Parks & Recreation could replace one structure at a time, starting with the back piece and work towards the toddler area. Grant approval would come in July, there is another grant that will be due in July, and would not hear about that until the fall. The CPC may be able to give money to the playground project in the future pending the court decision.

Trees at Goodwill Park

Some of the trees may be able to be moved. Maureen Korson talked with Jon Juhl about transplanting trees to the new low income housing project. Other trees could be moved next to the fence along Green Street to help prevent illegal parking.

Maureen Korson stated she met with Conservation Commission and they agreed to let the Highway Department pull out the sand from the lake so that Park & Recreation will not have to order more glacial sand.

Ms. Korson stated she ordered the sides for the sandboxes for Pleasure Point and Stoddard Park.

The PTSA approached Ms. Korson about storage space in the building. They are looking for a corner of a room. \$250 per year for a small room. They will be put into the room next to Brad Miller for the time being.

There was discussion about having groups meet in the building. Security is an issue, Tom Chipman would prefer not to give out keys to groups. The Historical Commission will be permitted to use the new recreation room for free since they have no budget.

Troop 73 asked Tom Chipman about helping out with the Parks Department. Tom Chipman thought that they could dig out the sandboxes at Pleasure Point and Stoddard Park beach. Tom will talk to them about this.

Tom Chipman stated that the Fire Department would like to have some space for weight equipment and to be able to access for lifting. They will have access to the building with their own key. There is no heat in that room so for the winter if they want to install heat then the Park Dept would have to put in a fee for the cost of that. Ms. Korson stated the Fire Department has been very good to the Park Dept.

Stoddard Bath House

The Stoddard bath house is a pre-fabricated structure. The floor drain is rotten in the middle. Tom Chipman brought in two construction people to look at the floor issues. They would take the tile out, but not have to remove the toilets, and replace the floor drain. There was a question about permits and the fee for work. There should not be a permit fee since Park is a Town Department. Maureen would like to have a water spigot outside the bath house. **Tom Dumas makes a motion to accept the quote from Tim Melansen for \$2,150.00 per bathroom, Pete Hill seconds. Vote is unanimous.**

Tom Chipman is completing the Adams & Damigella light relay so that the youth baseball & softball will have keys for their use for this spring 2010.

Mission Springs

Three beavers have been caught in the traps. The trapper believes that the beavers will come back.

The dugouts have the dirt eroded under the cement bench areas. Repairs need to be done to the field. The irrigation has not been checked, that will happen when Moisturetek turns on the irrigation.

All the signs for the Carry-in, Carry-out trash Policy are posted at the fields.

Tom Chipman asked about the trash already at Mission Springs, can boy scouts do some cleanup with this area.

Tom Chipman would asked Ms. Korson to follow up with the Waterman family about their child who injured himself on the chain nets at Goodwill basketball courts. The chain nets were taken down and replaces with nylon nets.

April 15 there is the Planning Board Meeting fro the Goodwill Park Playground Project.

DPW Meetings

Tom Dumas is on a committee to consolidate the Water Dept and the Highway Department. The goal is to present this for the May Town Meeting. They are looking to hire a DPW Director to be in charge of the Highway and the Water Department. There would be a new board for this position and they would report to the Selectmen. There is a possibility to combine Parks and Recreation with these departments. If this is approved the groups would merge and the Park Commission would be dissolved. Pete Hill asked what the benefits for the recreation department to be with in with the water and highway department. Tom Dumas was not sure what the changes would be for the Parks & Recreation Department. It looks like the committee would look to have a town DPW, there would be a DPW Board for three years. The next meeting of this group is Thursday the 15th at 6:30 in the Town Hall.

Tibor Nemeth donated cinderblocks for the new foul poles for the little league fields.

Meeting adjourn 8:32 pm, Tibor motioned, Tom Dumas seconded, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Hedrick