

Holliston Park Commission Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2013

Present: Melissa Kaspern, Inge Daniels, Kristen Hedrick, Tom Chipman, Paul Healy

Recreation Update:

Ms. Hedrick said we have not been able to put together the camp program numbers because we have been recovering from summer. Ms. Hedrick said that the unofficial report is that summer went very well, but we are exhausted and will have everything together for the October meeting.

Disinvite Update:

Ms. Hedrick said she received an update from Chief Moore regarding the offense at Pleasure Point and he advised her that the charges have not been filed. Chief Moore recommends that the disinvite be extended to 15 months beginning Sept 4th, 2013 to match the court ordered 15 months.

Ms. Daniels made a motion to extend the dis-invite for 15 months dated September 4, 2013. Mr. Chipman seconded. All in favor.

Sport Court Update:

Painting began on the tennis courts but in the wrong colors. Mr. Healy stated he saw that one full court was done and two-half courts were done in blue. There was much discussion over what colors were chosen. Ms. Hedrick stated Lyn Calkins requested green courts. Ms. Hedrick said there have been changes to the project. The basket ball court will have the cracks filled in and the paint on the top of it. There will be a \$7,500 credit on that portion of the project. The new basketball poles and nets are \$2400. There are options to spend on other items such as a hip board for \$3,950. There was discussion about where to place it. It was decided to place it near the basketball courts. Another optional spending item: basketball court fence— removal of the existing fence and installation of a new one for \$2,000. The other option would be wind screening for the entire area at a cost of \$7500. There was much discussion over the budget, Ms. Hedrick said the project total expense to date is \$202,000, and asked which optional items should be chosen for improvement. The Park Commissioners agreed a windscreen would be a good idea. Ms. Daniels said she has concerns about the longevity of fencing around the basketball courts. Paul Healy expressed concern about the trees at the basketball court. After much discussion the Commission decided to purchase a chain link fence for the basketball court.

Mr. Healy made a motion to add enhancements to the original budgeted project to include a windscreen, a new 10-ft chain link fence, and a hip board and also allow for over-budget expenses up to \$20,000. Ms. Daniels second. All in favor.

Heating Update

Mr. Chipman said he met with Devaney to discuss a heating system for Flagg. Devaney said that the system he would install would be a commercial boiler, which is different from the Jason Green proposal. It could cost up to \$50,000. Mr. Chipman stated Jason Green would need to understand that the system he installs must be suitable for commercial. Devaney said it would take 8-10 weeks to get the parts. Ms. Hedrick said that she spoke with Mr. LeBeau and Mr. Marsden regarding the future of the Flagg Building. Mr. Healy asked would the heating system purchase have go to Town Meeting as a capital expense. Ms. Hedrick said that it sounds like they will help us out, they have helped to Senior Center. The Commission discussed the Flagg Building as being a perfect location for a community center. There was discussion about taking the new boiler to if another building is built in another location. Mr. Chipman stated the Park Dept and Youth and Family Services should

stay here. Ms. Hedrick stated the Community Center Task Force was put together to determine what the town needs. There was discussion about the Wilde Building as a location. There was discussion about having the Senior Center, Park and Rec and Youth and Family in the same building. Ms. Hedrick described the set-up in the new building in Natick. There was much discussion about various programs for a new building. The Commission decided that Park & Rec will continue to be a part of the task force, however will continue to explore other suitable options.

Fields:

Ms Hedrick said that there have been issues with football and cheerleading practices. Ms. Hedrick said she has stopped by fields to check on activities occurring on Stoddard by those who have not reserved it. Ms. Daniels asked should there be fines involved. Ms. Hedrick will send out an email about parking issues. Ms. Hedrick said the Firecracker group using Damigella had called her phone repeatedly and she would not return the calls. There was much discussion about dogs on the fields and calling the dog officer in response. Ms. Hedrick said she had begun to discuss this with Ms. Minihan and will reconnect to continue the discussion.

Once Around:

Ms. Daniels stated there was a request for an adult tennis club on the weekends or evenings. Ms. Hedrick stated there was an adult daytime program for the fall but the enrollment was low. Ms. Hedrick said interested people should call the Recreation Dept directly so that something can be set up with Lyn Calkins. Ms. Daniels said she heard that people have expressed interest in having boats at Lake Winthrop. Ms. Hedrick said the Natick Recreation director has come over to the lake and offered suggestions for improvements. There was discussion about getting tents at the lake next year for the programs.

Motion to Adjourn. All in favor. 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Korson