

Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday March 30, 2022 7:00PM
IN PERSON/REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Attendees: Brian McDonald, Steve Bigelow, Melissa Kaspern, Richard Morse, Shaw Lively, Mark Frank, Shannon Cornwell, Bob Nemet

Agenda

Vote on Previous meeting minutes 3/3, 3/24

Directors Report

- Projects
- Field status
- Programming
- Personnel
- MRPA conference summary

Vandalism and Goodwill Park after school/half day planning

Grounds department planning

Additional Funding for Stoddard Park Bathroom Renovation – Vote

Goose mitigation planning discussion

Site visit planning w/ other community boards

Vote on Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bigelow made a motion to approve the March 3 and March 24 meeting minutes, Mr. McDonald seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Directors Report

- **Projects**

The boat storage racks were installed and all 16 spots have been reserved. There is plenty of interest in building additional ones. Thank you Andrew McWilliams.

The changing stalls that were planned for Pleasure Point will be installed at Stoddard Park instead. Pleasure Points stalls will be postponed for now.

Shannon and Sam are working on a plan to include a low ropes course for Camp Patoma.

Ms. Kaspern made a motion to amend funds for snack shack and bathroom repairs at Stoddard Park's not to exceed from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Mr. Bigelow, seconded, motion passes.

The pickleball lines are slated to be painted once the weather doesn't dip below 50 degrees for three nights in a row. The cost is estimated at \$199.

Patoma courts are unable to be cleaned yet. The department is working with DPW to come up with another solution.

- **Field status**

The Drake Company should begin opening the fields on Friday April 1st. Mr. Bigelow made a motion to approve funding for opening the fields with NTE \$10,000. Mr. McDonald seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

- **Personnel**

Hiring is underway for summer staff.

- **Vandalism and Goodwill Park after school/half day planning**

Trash and vandalism continues to be a problem in the afternoons when Miller and RAMS students frequent the parks. We're looking to have more of a presence at the park and perhaps schedule more activities for the students on half days.

Grounds department planning

Mr. McDonald spoke at the previous financial committee meeting in support of the grounds division. Further discussion is needed should the new department not pass at town meeting.

Goose mitigation planning discussion

The geese continue to be a problem at the Weston Pond field. The department continues to investigate mitigation options.

Site visit planning w/ other community boards

The commission would like to start hosting other town committees/commissions at various parks to reintroduce the spaces and discuss future improvements. Mr. Frank has been in touch with other neighboring towns and how we can all collaborate and discuss similar issues.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Ms. Kaspern shared the idea of adding communication boards to the park.

Mr. Lively would like to begin to research grant opportunities to aid in the funding of the various upcoming projects.

Ms. Kaspern made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Morse seconded, all in favor, motion passed.