

Park Commission Meeting Minutes

Aug 14, 2103

Present: Inge Daniels, Kristen Hedrick, Tom Chipman, Paul Healy, Art Winters

Minutes of May 15, 2013:

Mr. Healy wondered about the fountain at Goodwill Park; if Green Plumbing can not do it we can find someone else.

Mr. Healy asked about the status of the dug outs at Adams. Ms. Hedrick is not sure because the Damigella ones took so long.

Mr. Healy Made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2013. Art Winters second. All in favor.

Field Update:

Ms. Hedrick said the fields are looking good; the HS field that was re-seeded and aerated is looking good. Ms. Hedrick said she is working on all the youth groups field requests and they are almost complete; there has been a request for Damigella Field use at night which would be good because they are a paying group.

Disinvite Policy:

The Commission reviewed the Disinvite Policy that was developed in 2011. Ms. Hedrick said the Police Chief had recommended a one-year disinvite for the incident that occurred at Pleasure Point in July. Ms. Hedrick asked the Commission for clarification and to review of the policy to change the wording, which says, "all cases will be reviewed by the Park Commission and consequences will be issued by the Park Commission." Ms. Hedrick said that she would like to see the policy re-worded so that she can make some of those decisions. There was much discussion over a previous case at Stoddard Park. Ms. Daniels stated she does not feel the Commission should be in the position to issue a disinvite until the outcome of the criminal case has been determined. Ms. Daniels said the disinvite should state "Effective immediately you are disinvited from the facility with the length of time to be determined based on conviction." Ms. Daniels stated Ms. Hedrick can follow the established time frames; in a more serious case she can issue the disinvite effective immediately with the Park Commission re-evaluating based on the court decision. Ms. Daniels said the policy should state "The Recreation Director is authorized to take action and follow these policies established by the Park Commission."

Summer Programs:

Ms. Hedrick said the programs went well. There was an incident of a child falling off the monkey bars and it was handled well by Diane Comstock. Goodwill runs thru this week, counselors are good, kids are good. Soccer camp comes in next week. There will be a better expense/income in the September meeting along with some ideas to improve programs. Ms. Hedrick stated that Stoddard Park is also in need of CPC funds to improve the playground. Ms. Hedrick said she is working with the Conservation Commission to improve the weed problems in the lake. Ms. Hedrick said she will bring her list of ideas to the Park Commission in September. Ms. Hedrick stated August has been colder and people have not been swimming. Ms. Hedrick said she would like to have a shack for the gate guards. Ms. Daniels stated that would be a great Boy Scout project. Ms. Hedrick said the end of the season dinner went well.

Upcoming Office Schedule:

Ms. Hedrick stated fall programs registration will start at the end of the week. Park and Rec will have a booth at Celebrate Holliston. Ms. Hedrick said she has decided not to run the annual pumpkin carving night & flashlight pumpkin hunt this year as there is a lot of set-up involved in the program and not enough money is made to support staffing it. Ms. Hedrick stated she will offer the flashlight pumpkin hunt. It could take place anywhere, including GW Park or the playground.

Ms. Hedrick stated the back of the building is deteriorating and she does not want to have programs back there any longer; next year the camps will not be sent to the Flagg Building. Ms. Hedrick said she will be out of the office for approximately one and a half weeks and will be back in time for the tennis courts project. Ms. Hedrick stated the programs are over and the office is very quiet during this week. Ms. Hedrick said Ms. Korson is taking a week and a half around Labor Day off.

Community Center Task Force:

Ms. Hedrick said the large Wilde Building is not going to work as a Community Center. Ms. Hedrick said she has spoken with Mr. Marsden about regarding staying here with possible renovations from the building. There are plans that were created several years ago.

Ms. Hedrick stated Ms. Korson followed-up with Jason Green regarding his heating system replacement quote. Devaney was called for a quote. Ms. Hedrick said there will need to be a third quote by September. There will have to be a meeting with the School Committee to get permission to have a long term lease on the Flagg building. Mr. Chipman said the Flagg Building will need a new roof and windows.

Ms. Hedrick said the petty cash check is still in Ms. Korson's name. The accountant has requested a vote from the Commission so that the check can be made out in Kristen Hedrick's name. Ms. Daniels stated would it make sense to have both Ms. Korson and Ms. Hedrick be able to sign the check.

Mr. Chipman made a motion to change the Petty Cash so that it can be signed and deposited by both Ms. Korson and Ms. Hedrick. If the town can only allow one to sign, then the Commission votes to move forward to allow Ms. Hedrick to sign the petty cash. Mr. Winters second. All in favor.

Goodwill Park Tennis & Basketball Project:

Ms. Daniels said there was a pre-construction meeting with Jim Arnold of Sport Court. Ms. Daniels said it was her impression that Jim Arnold was the business guy and put a great team together that has experience. They will start with power washing, do a leveling a compound and then start rolling out the material. Ms. Hedrick said she has given them keys. Per the contract the project is to be completed by September 14, but it is weather dependant. Regarding the lighting Ms. Hedrick said she will talk to the lighting company about the time-line. Ms. Hedrick stated the courts will be green with blue on the outside and the basketball courts will be green on inside and red on the outside.

Once Around:

- Ms. Hedrick said the Community Center should have extra classrooms, a big room with a carpet and a gym and offices.
- Ms. Daniels said the Newcomers Club has asked if there are any Park projects for their Oct 26th service day. Ms. Hedrick said they could do weeding at Stoddard and Goodwill.
- Ms. Daniels said there have been instances of vandalism at Goodwill Park.
- Ms. Daniels said the weeds are better since we've gotten our maintenance person at Goodwill Park, however Ms. Korson had stated it would be better to have an adult. Ms. Daniels said the original honey locust on they playground has looked crispy since the spring.
- Next Meetings: August 28 if needed and then September 11th.

Motion to Adjourn. All in favor. 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Korson