

Holliston Park Commission Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2014

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

Tennis Court Update

Ms. Hedrick stated the courts are completed. The Commission reviewed bills that are to be signed. Ms. Hedrick stated there was an amount that was to be covered by Sport Court for the additional time necessary for the services of Beals and Thomas. The windscreen has been ordered and will be installed.

There was much discussion about accent lighting in the Goodwill Park playground. Ms. Daniels stated the Commission decided against installing lighting as the park is closed at dusk. Ms. Hedrick stated the Police also advised against lighting in the park as it makes it difficult for them to enforce the "park closes at dusk" rule. Ms. Hedrick stated she plans to install sets of bleachers at the tennis courts on the Washington Street side.

Recreation Building Update

Ms. Daniels stated she attended the Flagg Building redevelopment meeting with Jon Juhl and Ed Nunes. Mr. Juhl and Mr. Nunes will put together a proposal given the scope of the project as it is currently understood. Their initial thought was to have a 2 story building with ample space for parking. The parking would be laid out to allow for buses to come in and drop off and a possible second private entrance for Youth and Family Services and Veterans. Ms. Hedrick stated she obtained an abutters list, and letters from the Cole family allowing the space to be used for Recreation purposes or municipal use. Ms. Hedrick stated the name of the building should remain Cole-Flagg Building. There was some discussion about how to approach the Town and various department heads about the proposed plan. The Selectmen's Office would like to have storage if at all possible. Mr. Chipman stated the cost should be kept as low as possible. Ms. Daniels stated there was discussion about keeping the integrity of the look of the building. There will be approximately 16,000 square feet needed for the new building. There was much discussion about future business building plans in Town. Mr. Chipman stated he wants to be involved in the discussions for the plans for the new building.

Summer Program Update

Ms. Hedrick stated there was one incident on Monday morning with an unusually large amount of feces in the water at the lake, not appearing to be from an animal. Ms. Hedrick stated the Board of Health was called immediately. Samples were taken in multiple areas. The lake was closed immediately. The lifeguards were discrete and program participants were not made aware of the issue. Notices were emailed to participant parents about the closing of the lake until results came back. The re-test results came back higher than usual, but still within allowable limits and the lake was re-opened by Tuesday afternoon.

Ms. Hedrick stated there are not enough guards available to staff the waterfront on the coming weekend however the bathrooms at the lake will be opened for beach patrons. Ms. Hedrick stated the lifeguards have been helpful performing maintenance duties at the park this summer.

The Mudville Baseball game will be played at Stoddard Park on the coming weekend. There will not be a gate guard.

Ms. Hedrick stated she has been thinking about ideas to bring in more users to Stoddard Park such as programming and concerts and sidewalks from downtown.

Ms. Daniels recommended a note of appreciation be sent to the Police Chief stating that the increased Police presence at Lake Winthrop has been noticed.

Mr. Chipman stated the grills in the picnic area should be replaced. Ms. Hedrick stated she and Bob Nemet have plans to look over all the tables and grills in the fall to determine what needs to be replaced.

Ms. Hedrick stated Ms. Korson has completed the fall programming and registration will begin tomorrow. Ms. Hedrick stated she is still working out the details and information for Men's Basketball and will be added to the fall programming when completed. Mr. Chipman stated a bulletin board should be placed at the Goodwill Park entrance for Park Department events to be posted. Ms. Daniels suggested the bulletin board be placed near the entrance to the playground and tennis courts.

Ms. Daniels stated there is a tree swing on the beach at Pleasure Point.

Ms. Hedrick stated the docks and lines will be taken out on Monday and the summer numbers will be ready by next month. Ms. Hedrick stated she and Mr. Healy will have the budget finalized by next month.

Mr. Chipman stated he will go over tomorrow and mark off the spacing for the lighting at Goodwill Park. The placement will need to be marked on the plan. Mr. Chipman would like to put lights on the flag pole as well.

Once Around

The Commission thought that it would be a good idea to get a video made to show people what the inside of the Flagg Building looks like. Ms. Hedrick will set that up with HCAT. It was discussed that Ms. Kaspern should be in charge of filming the tour.

Mr. Chipman made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Healy second. All in favor.