

Park Commission Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2014

Present: Kristen Hedrick, Bob Nemet, Inge Daniels, Art Winters, Paul Healy, Melissa Kaspern

Eagle Scout Project

) of Troop 14 Holliston and his mom came into discuss an Eagle Scout project: a proposed dock out in Lake Winthrop at Stoddard Park. He stated that people have to walk out 2-3 feet out to launch their boats. He stated he also observed that little kids have trouble fishing. Mr. Healy asked if there is a mock up of type, size. It was stated that the dock would come from land and go out into the water. The dock would have to be somewhat of a pier with wooden poles, dimensions have not been determined, but the estimate would be for 10-15 feet into the water, to be completed in Spring 2015. It was stated that the scout would have to attend a Conservation Commission meeting. Ms. Daniels stated there are some complications, such as the depth of the lake as well as the protected mussels species occupying the lake. There was much discussion about logistics, including working with the Building Inspector, Conservation Commission, and working with the state. Ms. Kaspern stated the Commission would have to discuss the proposal relative to the long term plans of the board. Ms. Hedrick stated she would check in with various other Rec Departments to gather more information about docks. Ms. Kaspern stated this is the first step in the process and there are still a lot of questions and answers to be discussed. Mr. Healy stated Natick as well as some other communities are outsourcing boat rentals. Ms. Kaspern stated this is a great idea, however, is it really needed and wanted. There was discussion about the difficulty of maintaining a dock in the winter

Tennis Courts

Ms. Hedrick stated the supplies have been delivered, and it could take 10 days to 2 weeks to re-do the courts. The target to start the project should have been within the first two weeks of June. Ms. Hedrick has not heard from Mr. Arnold. There was much discussion about how heavy the pallets were and how they had to be maneuvered around. There was much discussion about places to sit at Goodwill Park. Ms. Hedrick will look into the cost for metal bleachers to be placed in the grassy area near the shade.

Update on Lake Winthrop Management Group

Ms. Daniels stated the group is slowing down for the summer. The survey has provided the group with lots of feedback. There are a lot of comments. They are investigating the mussel situation. There will be a public meeting in the fall. There was much discussion about the lack of usage at the lake. There was discussion about the placement of benthic mats. There was much discussion about the resident vs. nonresident attendance at the beach, and why more residents do not go to the beach. Mr. Healy stated there are many misconceptions about the lake.

Fields Update

Mr. Nemet discussed the sandy condition of Weston Pond. The High School has been aerated and sliced seeded. There has been a lot of trash leftover from the games. Ms. Hedrick has sent out warnings and violations to youth groups because of the trash. Mr. Nemet stated the grass is growing everywhere.

Recreation Update

Ms. Hedrick stated everything is running very well. The staff schedule has been finally been finalized. The lifeguards have set up the lines and the waterfront. The office is very busy. Ms. Hedrick stated she would like to have the tennis courts at Patoma upgraded. Mr. Nemet stated there is a good base there

for an over-coat. Ms. Hedrick stated she will get some quotes to have them re-done for next summer. The fence is not in great shape. Ms. Hedrick stated that they would get more use if they were in better shape. The project at the Stoddard Beach well house is in process. The corn hole project is in process.

#### Once Around

Ms. Daniels stated she met the new maintenance worker for Goodwill Park, Carroll Damigella. Ms. Daniels stated she was very impressed with Ms. Damigella's enthusiasm.

Ms. Kaspern stated there has been some discussion about extending the brick pathway to the soccer fields.

Mr. Nemet stated he made sure that the "no vehicles beyond this point" sign at Goodwill Park could not be removed again as it had been last year by Celebrate Holliston.

Ms. Kaspern updated the board on the School Committee meeting they had attended last month. Ms. Kaspern stated the School Committee gave their go ahead for the Park Commission to move forward with a feasibility study. Dr. Brad Jackson was very supportive of the Parks Department remaining in Flagg. There was much discussion about next steps and who would begin investigating building options.

Mr. Healy stated the process of working with the Town Accountant to come up with a budgeting document is still in process. There was much discussion about the costs associated with paying for a feasibility study for the Flagg Building. The Commission agreed that the monies in the revolving account should be spent on Park Projects

Ms. Hedrick stated she purchase two canopies at a cost of \$2,400 and also 6 new picnic tables, for the Patoma programs.

It was decided that the Commission would meet again on July 16, at 6:30pm at Lake Winthrop.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:24pm.