

Holliston Parks & Recreation

Minutes Tuesday April 15, 2014

Present:

Inge Daniels, Melissa Kaspern, Art Winters, Paul Healy, Tom Chipman, Bob Nemet, Kristen Hedrick and Dave Nalchajian- town Accountant

Budget

Town Accountant Dave Nalchajian attended to discuss the revolving account. Discussion centered on Parks & Recreation coming up with a comprehensive three to five year plan to forecast revenue and the projects the money will be invested in. Having this plan in place will show a flow of money being re-invested to projects to help revitalize the facilities that Parks is responsible for. Mr. Nalchajian suggested that we also have a reserve fund for the programs in case something happened we would be able to cover any unexpected issues, this should be the amount that it would cost to run our biggest programs. He also suggested looking at the Wellesley Town wide plan or the Brookline Recreation Plan. While these towns are much bigger than Holliston it can give a starting point.

Once Around

Two quotes for the spring clean-up have been submitted and the Commission would like to go with the lower quote. A maintenance proposal was also submitted by Rehl Gardens, the commission thought we could have a trial of two months to see how the company does and then decide whether to extend the care. Ms. Daniels wanted to ask if taking trash pick-up and watering out of the quote might lower the cost. Ms. Hedrick will have Ms. Korson ask those questions to Rehl.

Ms. Daniels brought up that there is a family in town that has a child that will be going into a full body cast for the next eight weeks. The Parks Department recently bought a new handicapped swing with a seat strap to replace the one that was bought with the original playground that was not functional because the strap was not recommended to be left out on the playground without supervision. Ms. Kaspern made a motion to donate the swing to this family, Mr. Winters seconds, ALL IN FAVOR.

Ms. Daniels mentioned that there was a report about teens drinking and doing drugs at Pleasure Point and asked if the Police had contacted the Park Department with any reports. Ms. Hedrick said that they have not been contacted yet.

Ms. Daniels also mentioned that there is graffiti at Pleasure Point Signs. Mr. Nemet will take a look at it.

Ms. Kaspern made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Healy seconds. ALL IN FAVOR.