

Holliston Parks Commission

Wednesday May 17, 2017

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

1750 Update

Ms. Kaspern will be meeting with Mr. Marsden on Tuesday about the building and the progress.

Directors Report

Bench Donation

Lynne Dillon would like to donate a bench in memory of her son who passed away recently. He loved Lake Winthrop so she would like to put it at Stoddard. She is contacting Ackerman Monument to order the bench and Bob and I will meet with her to discuss where it will be located. I asked that she run anything she wants written on the bench by me first.

Miscellaneous

The Cricket people came back for fields this spring. We told them that we did not have any available. They then later came back and asked for fields this summer and we said that we will not be allocating fields because of what happened last year. Lisa tried valiantly to work with them and they lied about insurance certificates, about talking to the schools about using the fields, about everything and were disrespectful about all of it. So we will not be allowing them to use the fields. Other Rec departments are having trouble with cricket groups as well. They use a field and their "mound" is in the outfield grass and they ruin the outfields.

A screen and projector have been installed in the large room downstairs, Chris Meo from technology helped out with that. The costs was \$700 and Mr. Ritter said that could be taken out of the building budget. The first Parents Night Out this Friday cost is \$20 per kid and there are 11 kids so far and Mark & one of our summer counselors working it.

Mark Frank was approved for his 40 hours beginning July 1st! Thank you Ms. Kaspern for presenting to the Finance Committee. Mr. Frank will be putting together a report on backing up his additional 8 hours. Hours will be shifting depending on after school and evening programs throughout the year.

Spring programs

Only had to cancel three spring programs- a pre-k lego class, airbrushing and a mosaics class. All the rest are running 27 programs(with multiple sessions in some of those programs).

The biggest hit was the Saturday morning Parent- Tot classes and Multi Sport classes. There are about 40 kids enrolled in it.

Summer

Ms. Hedrick is sending four lifeguards on a staff training event. In Weston they are holding a leadership and Waterfront workshop. Cost is \$10 per person we are paying for the workshop but not for the kids time at the workshop.

Ms. Hedrick has hired all counselors for the summer and have a few on reserve in case kids drop out. Ms. Hedrick hired 13 lifeguards for the summer, and may be looking for 1 or 2 more. The swim lessons are taking off there are 61 kids registered so far and still 5 weeks until the first session. Gate Guards/Concession Attendants are the last piece of the puzzle for summer staff.

Julie Donovan who is a para professional in the Miller School will be the Outdoors at Goodwill Supervisor. She comes with experience and good references.

Junior Patoma has 4 of the 7 sessions full. Senior Patoma has 2 of the 7 sessions full. Most summer programs will run. There will be fewer program cancellations this summer than in years past and believe that is due to mailing out the brochure to the Town residents. There are a lot of new participants registered in the spring programs.

The fall brochure will be mailed out as well moving forward.

Ms. Hedrick is putting together the staff training week schedule which includes having Chief Stone talk to the counselors about emergency situations and how to handle them. Ms. Hedrick will also bring in Chief Cassidy in to work with the Lifeguards on the Waterfront Training.

Fall programs

Fall programs are already being booked. On Thursdays a bus is set to pick the kids up at Miller and bring them to our building. There are four different programs that day. Hip Hop, Lego Engineering, Rembrandts Art and a Science Engineering programs will start at 3. Then we will have another session start at 4 pm for the younger age group. This group will have to get their own rides to the building which for the previous programs has not been a problem. Flag Football will move to Tuesdays and offer a few other after school programs will be offered where we can. Pre-K programs lined up for everyday of the week. Mondays Mommy & Me Art and Pint Play and I Wanna Play, Tuesdays & Wednesdays Music & Me, Thur Pre-k lego, Friday Soccer and Saturday the Tot and Multi spots classes will be back.

Fields

Next year we will be letting youth groups know that April 1 is not our target date to open the fields. It is unrealistic and we haven't done that in 5 years. So we will look at April 12th so people will not be disappointed and if we open early then it is all good.

Ms. Hedrick asked if the Board would like to invite Scott Elliott to the next Parks meeting to discuss his request to have his organization practice on the Adams Field. The Board thought that would be the appropriate action at this time.

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