

Holliston Park Commission
Minutes of May 15, 2013

Present: Inge Daniels, Paul Healy, Melissa Kaspern, Kristen Hedrick

Minutes

Melissa Kaspern made a motion to approve the minutes February 6, March 13, April 9, and April 25, 2013. Paul Healy seconded. All in favor.

Tennis Courts

Kristen Hedrick stated Dave La Pointe is working on RFP, he is using the Dover RFP as a template to help him and the Premier specs will be included. Mr. LaPointe said the RFP must be very specific in stating that the courts are to be level. Ms. Hedrick said Paul Le Beau will be looking over the RFP. The lights will be one part, the tennis courts will be another part and the third part will be the basketball court.

Lion's Club Carnival

Ms. Hedrick stated the Lion's Club has applied to have the same type of fireworks display for this season's carnival event as they did last year. Ms. Hedrick stated there were no calls or complaints after the event last year.

Ms. Kaspern made a motion to allow the Lion's Club to do a ground display fire works show as they did last summer. Paul Healy seconded. All in favor.

Playground Updates

Kristen Hedrick stated that Maureen has put together a facilities report. Inge Daniels stated that at a recent meeting with Maureen and Kristen, she and Ms. Kaspern had discussed making an investment to maintain some of the play equipment. Ms. Kaspern stated some of the equipment is broken and should be replaced. Ms. Hedrick stated all the repairs would be less than \$6,000.00. Mr. Healy stated that he would like to see what is in the budget for future expenses. Ms. Hedrick stated she will be working on that in the fall. Ms. Hedrick stated Jason Green Plumbing has offered to donate a bubbler and would like to have a small plaque advertising his business be placed at the site. Ms. Daniels stated the holes for the playground fence still have not been drilled.

Ms. Kaspern made a motion to approve spending up to \$6,000 to update and repair playground equipment at Pleasure Point and Stoddard Park. Paul Healy seconded. All in favor.

Ms. Hedrick stated that the area near the tennis courts had been seeded. Ms. Daniels asked about weeding and putting a mat down at the waterfront. Ms. Hedrick stated that will not happen this summer. Ms. Hedrick stated that the lifeguards can rake. Ms. Hedrick stated there may be another water chestnut pull this year in the lake. Ms. Kaspern stated the group has approval until 2015 and the Commission supports the idea. Ms. Kaspern stated it is in the best interest of safety to have a lifeguard at the event and Ms. Hedrick should place one. Ms. Daniels stated it is safer to provide a lifeguard.

Program Update

Ms. Hedrick gave a brief update of the current enrollment levels and discussed staffing; some of the new hires were CIT's in the past. Ms. Hedrick is interviewing for lifeguards and a waterfront director. There was much discussion about field trip destinations. Ms. Hedrick stated the registrations are slower this year than in the past which makes staffing difficult.

Fields

Dug-outs are to be put in but Ms. Hedrick is not sure when. Sprinklers to be hooked up soon. Ms. Hedrick stated the HS Athletic director wants to use his budget money to upgrade the middle earth field. Ms. Kaspern stated that is where the fireworks display will be. Ms. Hedrick stated the fireworks are by the softball fields; she will work with the Lion's Club on the location. The concession stand will be finished in August. Ms. Daniels asked about the irrigation damage where the field was driven over, Ms. Hedrick stated the irrigation had not been turned on yet. Ms. Hedrick stated the fields will have an application over Memorial Day weekend and will be closed on Friday and Saturday. Highway did a great job getting the fields ready. Ms Hedrick stated Weston & HS are on well water. The other fields are on hydrants and must be followed by the odd/even rules. There are rain sensors so they should not be running in the rain.

Beach Sticker Sales

A notice was mailed along with the water bills and sales are also up on Unibank. There are many senior citizens purchasing beach stickers at the Town Hall counter.

Culter Heights Programs

Ms. Hedrick stated she is working with Cutler Heights to offer programs. The Cutler Heights organization is offering a 50% scholarships for residents to attend Holliston Rec Dept programs. There was much discussion about financial aid and how it can be distributed. Ms. Kaspern stated it would be good to have a list of other avenues for people to pursue if they need financial aid. There may be some transportation provided for Cutler Heights attendees.

Community Center Task Force

Ms. Hedrick stated there is an empty building that the task force is looking at. Ms. Hedrick stated the group is looking to put quite a few of the Town departments into the one very large building. Ms. Hedrick stated the new owner is looking to lease or rent the building. Ms. Kaspern stated would it make sense to spend money to retrofit a building that it not owned by the Town.

Re-Org of the Office

Ms. Kaspern stated that Ms. Hedrick and Ms. Korson have come to the conclusion that it would be a good idea to have the Recreation Administrator report to the Recreation Director.

Ms. Kaspern made a motion to have the Administrator of the Parks Department report to the Recreation Director. Paul Healy seconded. All in favor.

Once Around

- Ms. Kaspern stated she had been approached at the Goodwill Park for another brick purchase. Ms. Daniels stated perhaps a list should be put together.
- Ms. Kaspern stated the basketball and tennis courts at Patoma should be looked at as another place for upgrades.
- Ms. Daniels stated the graffiti is still at Pleasure Point.
- Ms. Hedrick stated the park bathrooms are in process of being readied for the summer.
- Ms. Hedrick stated there is a community service project she would like to see done at Weston Pond and bulb planting. Ms. Daniels stated water is an issue with new plantings. There was much discussion about garden club activities.
- Ms. Hedrick stated the Community Service hours come through the Youth and Family Service Department.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:04. All in favor.

Submitted by Maureen Korson