

**Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
7:00 PM @ 1750 Washington Street**

Executive Session at 7:00

Regular meeting called to order at 7:19 PM

Attendees: Melissa Kaspern, Tom Chipman, Paul Healy, Shaw Lively, Art Winters, Mark Frank, Lisa DiLuzio, Bob Nemet

Melissa Kaspern reported that during the earlier executive session there was a discussion about filling the permanent roles of Director and Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. Mark Frank and Lisa DiLuzio currently have the roles of Acting Director and Acting Assistant Director. Tom Chipman made a motion to extend the Director role to Mark Frank effective Monday, June 18. Art Winters seconded, all in favor. Paul Healy made a motion to extend the Assistant Director role to Lisa DiLuzio effective Monday, June 18. Art Winters seconded, all in favor.

Agenda

- Minutes: May 9, 2018
- Adams Field/Cobblestone: Summer baseball field prep
- Summer Status
- Inclusion Initiatives
- Once Around

Minutes

Attendees reviewed meeting minutes of May 9, 2018. Tom Chipman made a motion to approve, Paul Healy seconded; all in favor. Shaw Lively and Art Winters abstained from voting as they were not in attendance at the May 9 meeting.

Adams Fields/Cobblestone

Paul Healy raised a concern about the Adams field conditions. There was recently a high school playoff game at Adams and Paul noticed deteriorating field conditions as well as being approached by baseball coaches Mr. Santos and Mr. Perry regarding the same. Mark Frank responded that Cobblestone was not able to do the work needed at Adams this spring because of the extensive rain. They needed a four day window to do the work and the field was booked with activities. Mark will coordinate the work needed on the field with Cobblestone.

Paul Healy also raised concerns about having the high school team playing at Adams on a regular basis. He does not understand why the baseball field at the high school is not being used by the varsity baseball team. Paul suggested that we have a meeting in the fall with Matt Baker, Athletic Director and Keith Buday, Business Manager about the current field conditions at the high school fields. Mark Frank will set-up this meeting.

Mark Frank will also schedule a meeting with Cobblestone to discuss long term Adams field improvements.

Mr. Healy also questioned why the old scoreboard was still at Flagg Field and why the portable restroom was placed near home plate. Mark Frank has been in contact with Dan Larche about the removal of the scoreboard and Lisa DiLuzio will contact the service provider about having the restroom moved to the end of 3rd base line.

Summer Status

Mark Frank informed the group that the beach areas at Lake Winthrop will be opening on Saturday, June 16. Friday the 15th the staff will be at Stoddard and Patoma raking, weeding, and putting the dock out and volleyball courts up. The bacteria has been at acceptable levels for the two tests that have been conducted.

Inclusion Initiatives

Mark Frank reported that we recently had two informational meetings regarding some ideas surrounding inclusion initiatives. The Holliston parent group (SEPAC) came to talk with us about ideas for making our programs more inclusive. Eileen Radcliffe, Marcie Randall and Elina Robinson were extremely helpful in putting together wording to include in our upcoming brochures about our programs being open to all members of the community. We will have follow-up discussions with them as we think about next summer's programs. Mark met with Victoria Briggs, a special educator at Placentino Elementary. She is very interested in working us and our counselors. Mr. Frank also noted that there are many grants available for updating playgrounds to be more inclusive and that we may need to ask for help from a professional grant writer in the future.

Once Around

Shaw Lively noted that the Patoma Courts are covered in leaves, pine needles. Mark will put in a work order with highway to get that blown off.

Mark Frank noted that Patoma Park will be sprayed for mosquitos on Thursday, June 21. He also spoke with Jackie Winer from Youth & Family Services about building security. Lisa DiLuzio will reach out to Mike Cassidy regarding a meeting to discuss this issue.

Lisa DiLuzio has contacted Lynne Rahim about helping with the interior of 1750 Washington Street, specifically how we can make Parks & Recreation more inviting on the inside (pictures, murals, etc).

Next meeting will be determined once we are aware of vacation schedules. Wednesday, June 13 will not work for the majority.

Melissa Kaspern made a motion to adjourn, Art Winters seconded. ALL IN FAVOR.