

**Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
7:00 PM @ 1750 Washington Street**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Attendees: Paul Healy, Shaw Lively, Art Winters, Mark Frank, Lisa DiLuzio and Bob Nemet

Agenda

- Minutes
- Beach refurbishment
- Senator Spilka wish list: Goodwill
- Master Plan: Beals & Thomas project list
- Fields
- Once Around

Minutes

There were not enough board members in attendance to vote on minutes. Will vote on in January 2019 meeting.

Beach Refurbishment

Mark Frank met with ESS Group a few weeks ago regarding the biological status of the lake. We already know that the swimming area is shrinking, the weeds under the water are out of control and we cannot add sand without a permit. A plan written by the ESS Group would include options to control weeds, sand removal and installation. Currently the ESS Group is doing this type of work with the state parks.

The cost of the initial restoration plan is \$11,000 and the permitting process could cost up to \$33,000. Because we would like to see changes to the beach area in 2019, Mark is recommending that we spend the initial \$11,000 on the plan from the Parks & Recreation revolving account.

Shaw Lively made a motion to approve spending \$11,000 for the ESS Group to develop a restoration plan. Art Winters seconded. All in Favor

Senator Spilka Wish List

Paul Healy made a motion to put forward our request to the selectmen for the upgrade of the Goodwill Bathrooms. This request will appear on a formal request to Senator Spilka for grant funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Master Plan: Beals & Thomas Project List

Mark Frank learned that Beals & Thomas does not have an architect on staff to cost out projects with structural items. There was discussion about what the recommendations at each park/field:

Pleasure Point: Reimagine the property while including bathrooms

Stoddard Park: Upgrade fields and bleachers

Goodwill Park: Upgrade fields and bleachers

Flagg Field: Upgrade seating

Mission Springs: Upgrade courts and create more seating with a possible picnic area

Weston Pond: Restroom shed to make the portable restrooms more visually appealing

Patoma Courts: Add benches to the courts area

Since none of the above have structural items, it was decided to have Beals & Thomas work on the costing of these projects.

Fields

Mark Frank reported that field covers were placed on the Weston Pond once Simply Safer did the overseeding. Paul Healy would like to see this done on all baseball fields. Mr. Frank explained that this is a pilot program and hopefully we can expand to more fields next year.

Once Around

Shaw Lively gave a Blair Square update. The group is still working on parking and how to delineate parking from the nearby business' parking. There was also discussion at those meetings as to whether Blair Square is a park or a public space.

Mark Frank indicated that GLM Engineering has not been responsive about looking at the connection of 1750 property to the railtrail. Mark indicated that Ken Henderson (Rail Trail Committee) knows someone who can reach out to them.

There has been no movement on the permitting of having the step handrails installed by B. Welding. We will follow up with Dennis at BNL Welding for an estimate and to make sure he can obtain the necessary permits.

Art Winters made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shaw Lively seconded. ALL IN FAVOR.