

**Holliston Parks Commission
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
7:00 PM @ 1750 Washington Street**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Melissa Kaspern

Attendees: Shaw Lively, James Keast, Melissa Kaspern, Paul Healy, Mark Frank, Lisa DiLuzio, Bob Nemet

Agenda

- Minutes approval
- Re-organization
- Open Meeting Law Summary
- Pleasure Point resident concern
- Master Plan chunking and prioritizing
- Fields renovation projects update
- ESS Grant Update
- Once Around

Pleasure Point Concern

Mr. Rami Mitri attend the meeting to discuss the ongoing trash issue at Pleasure Point. He often finds beer cans, needles and diapers on a regular basis and makes an effort to pick up the trash as he can. Ideas such as cameras, neighborhood watch and closing off the path were discussed. Mark Frank will follow-up with the police to see if there are any additional options in addition to this list.

Re-organization of Board

Mark Frank informed the board that we could re-organize the chairs of the current board. Currently Melissa Kaspern is chairperson and Shaw Lively is Vice Chair. Melissa Kaspern made a motion to keep the current organization, Paul Healy seconded; all in favor

Open Meeting Law Summary

James Keast attended the recent information session on Open Meeting Laws at Town Hall. He gave us a general update mostly surrounding group emails. Group emails should be used only for setting meeting times and agenda items. No opinions or discussions should happen over email. Meeting minutes should be available and submitted within 10 days after the meeting.

ESS Grant

Mark Frank informed the group that we did not receive the 319 grant for the beach project. Mark Frank and Shaw Lively spoke with Malcom at the DEP to understand why we did not get the grant. According to the DEP this type of work is not within the scope of the grant therefore it does not make sense to resubmit in subsequent years.

Mr. Frank spoke with Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent, about new beach sand in 2020. Mr. Clapp believes the permitting process is outside of our expertise, therefore Mr. Frank will reach out to a consultant. Shaw Lively will reach out to GLM Engineering about a plan to divert the storm water run-off away from the beach.

Field Renovation Project

Mr. Frank informed the attendees that the bids for the field work are due tomorrow. He would like to meet with the board on Monday, November 25 at 5:00 pm to select a bid.

Master Plan

Shaw Lively solicited ideas from the meeting attendees about their top priorities for the Stoddard park area. Top priorities include: upgrading the landscape to cover tree roots, add an indoor structure for camp, a booth for the gate guards, upgraded restrooms, increased boating and boating programs, more shade, sports complex with concessions, better waterfront/swim area, and expanded/upgraded beach areas by the new volleyball pit. In addition, better connectivity to Patoma was discussed.

Once Around

Melissa Kaspern suggested that we talk to Mary Greendale about setting up a friends of the park group. This group could seek out grants but could not actually be the park employees or board members. Lisa DiLuzio noted that a course was available through the NPRA about "Friends" groups and that she would take the course and report back.

Bob Nemet reported more vandalism at the Goodwill playground, Flagg, Adams and the Flagg School site. He felt this was occurring due to the lack of cameras.

Meeting Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from October 23, 2019. Paul Healy made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted. Melissa Kaspern seconded; all in favor

Shaw Lively called meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm; Melissa Kaspern seconded; all in favor