

**Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday October 23, 2019
7:00 PM @ 1750 Washington Street**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Shaw Lively

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

Agenda

- Minutes approval
- Master Plan chunking and prioritizing
- Field renovation projects update
- ESS Grant update
- Grooming machine
- Fields
- Pickle ball
- Once Around

Minutes approval

The board reviewed the minutes from past meetings:

Paul Healy made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from June 12, 2019 meeting
Melissa Kaspern seconded; Shaw Lively abstained; all in favor

Paul Healy made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from July 10, 2019 meeting
Melissa Kaspern seconded; all in favor

Shaw Lively made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from August 14, 2019 meeting
James Keast seconded; Paul Healy abstained; all in favor

Shaw Lively made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from September 26, 2019 meeting
Paul Healy seconded; Melissa Kaspern abstained; all in favor

Fields Renovation Project

Mark Frank reported there are two separate formal bidding processes now in place for the Adams field and the little league field renovations. The Adams field project should be posted by Wednesday and the other fields hopefully by October 30. He is hopeful that Adams and one other field will be completed this fall.

Grooming Machine

Mr. Frank is scheduling demos with a few different companies to check out their grooming machines: Toro, Smithfield and John Deere. These demos are scheduled over the next few weeks. The equipment will be housed and maintained at the DPW.

ESS Grant

The grant decision should be coming this week. Elizabeth from ESS stated that they are now reviewing the finalists. This grant will help us obtain permitting to remove phosphorus from the lake by intersecting run off and to also add new sand to the beaches.

Pickle ball

Lisa DiLuzio reported that Pickle ball has become widely popular and it's on the radar of many of our Park & Rec colleagues. The plan is to construct temporary courts this spring at the Patoma tennis courts

with a future plan for permanent courts at Mission Springs. Temporary courts would involve painting lines on the existing courts, purchasing movable nets and possibly providing some type of programming to help residents learn how to play.

Master Plan

The initial assessment has been completed by Beals & Thomas. Shaw Lively noted that we can now begin to break down the work and prioritize. Mr. Lively put together a framework of the parks that we can use to help us begin prioritization: Stoddard: growth and revenue, Pleasure Point: a neighborhood feel, Mission Springs: recreation focus and Goodwill: multi-purpose functionality. Mark Frank suggested that we made the initial assessment by Beals & Thomas available on our website.

Once Around

Shaw Lively noted that tree clearing will be needed at Stoddard and mens softball has offered to pay for some of this work. Mark Frank relayed HYBSA's satisfaction with the field renovation progress. They are looking forward to adding structures to the renovated fields.

James Keast called meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm; Shaw Lively seconded; all in favor