

Agenda—Parks Commission Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 4:00pm

Programming and operations update
Fall programming
Master Plan implementation and next steps
Survey for Beach Users
Mark Frank's performance review schedule
Fields and field scheduling
Next meeting

Melissa Kaspert opened the meeting. In attendance: Melissa Kaspert, Shaw Lively, Paul Healy, Brian MacDonald, Steve Bigelow, Mark Frank, Lisa DiLuzio, Bob Nemet

Programming and operations update: We've added a late summer season with some additional camps. Camp Patoma will have two more weeks into September.

Fall Programming: Limited programming at this point with some activities that we normally run (flag football, K-2 basketball). We are also waiting on the finalization of the school's schedule. At this point we don't know what our role is in learning pods. We could possibly do a survey later in the year. We will not have the ability to do large scale indoor programs without the bus option. PreK programs will be running where possible.

Master Plan Implementation and next steps: Mark Frank discussed our Master Plan with Travis Ahern, Town Administrator, and would like to refocus on a few projects that we can prioritize. Shaw Lively would like to have the group walk around some of the parks to take a closer look at these improvements. September 16 has been set for a walk through to begin at Stoddard.

Survey for Beach Users: Shaw Lively stepped up to assist with a survey for beach users. Melissa Kaspert would like to know if it was the users first year purchasing a pass.

Mark Frank's Performance Review: Melissa Kaspert recommends sending out individual evaluation forms and last year's goals to the Park Commissioners and then have an Executive Session at an upcoming meeting to combine everyone's thoughts.

Fields: Because of the changing schedule for field usage and lack of people on the fields, there were more weeds on the infields. Weed control is scheduled for next week. Paul Healy expressed concern about not using water on the fields. Mark Frank already discussed this issue with the DPW director and we cannot use town water for the fields. Bob Nemet mentioned dry fields in Ashland.

Once Around: Steve Bigelow would like to see locking kayak racks at Pleasure Point. Shaw Lively would like to see the gate installed between the boat launch and Stoddard Park. Bob has a call into AnyFence for a quote. Mark has been approached about lights at the Goodwill Tennis Courts. There needs to be clear signage and policies around using lights at this location because the signs indicate that no trespassing is to occur after dark. Mark will ask the police department if we can leave the lights on until 8:30pm and then the committee will readdress the lights at a future meeting.

Paul Healy made a motion to adjourn; Steve Bigelow seconded. Through a roll call (all in favor) the meeting was adjourned.