

Agenda—Parks Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:00pm

Re-opening process update and discussion

Sand at Stoddard

Non-Resident Beach Sticker policy

- Grandfathering in non-residents who pre-paid- Revisit

Camp/Programming Status updates

Once around

Shaw Lively opened the meeting. In attendance: Melissa Kaspern, Shaw Lively, Paul Healy, Mark Frank, Lisa DiLuzio, Bob Nemet

Mark Frank noted that two new Park Commissioners were elected this week: Brian MacDonald and Steve Bigelow. Both had prior commitments and could not attend this meeting. Tom Chipman is no longer on the board and his service to this town is much appreciated.

Re-opening process update and discussion: High school fields will be opened on Friday. Patoma is the only park still closed and will be opened on July 6.

Gate guards are working 11-5 and working 9-6pm on most weekends. There were some cases over the weekend with non-residents arriving prior to opening. One group started a grill fire and we had to call the police because they would not leave when requested. Paul Healy recommended that we wear official Parks & Rec gear to create a more formal presence. Trash was not an issue over the weekend like it has in the past. The 2nd gate guard will be keeping an eye on open entrances as well as keeping up with the sanitization.

Sand at Stoddard: Drainage project is almost complete at Stoddard Park. Mark has received quotes for the glacial sand for both Stoddard and Pleasure Point.

Non-Resident Beach Sticker policy: Distancing at the beaches has not been an issue so far this summer. Melissa Kaspern is concerned about the optics of Resident Only signs at the lake, but allowing SOME non-residents. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to keep the beaches to residents only to allow for ample space for residents to spread out in 2020. The boat ramp will continue to be open to non-residents as required.

Camp/Programming Status update: Camp begins on July 6 and will run from 8am-12pm. Stoddard will be closed until 1:00 pm. Staff training begins next week. Tennis lessons have begun and are very popular. Some vendors have cancelled their programs because they did not feel comfortable. Goodwill Park will be open as Outdoors at Goodwill will move to 1750 Washington Street. Still fine tuning procedures with Chief Cassidy to determine how/if to close if someone becomes ill while attending our camps.

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Shaw Lively inquired about concerts in the park. Lisa responded that four of the five bands would be willing to perform this summer on a weekend.

It was decided to hold off on the temporary Pickle ball supplies as camp will be using the courts a lot during the day and supplies need to be purchased and our finances are unclear at this time.

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