

Agenda—Parks Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:00pm

Re-opening process update and discussion

Finance committee discussion

Non-Resident Beach Sticker policy

- Grandfathering in non-residents who pre-paid
- Allowances for partial property owners

Camp/Programming Status updates

Once around

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

Re-opening process update and discussion/Camp & Programming Status updates: all fields open except beaches and beach parks. Gates will be unlocked on Friday. Gate attendants start Tuesday, June 9. Lifeguards will be on during camp (M-Th 8-12) and Saturdays 12-6. Swim at own risk at all other time and we can add hours if we get feedback. Our insurance company has recommended swim at your own risk this summer. Signage will indicate that park is closed until 1:00 (while camp is in session) at entrance. Pleasure point would be open during the camp hours as an alternative. Cross training of counselors and gate guards in order to lower the number of people involved in our operations this summer. Our risk manager does not want to open composting bathrooms; replace bathroom stalls with portable restrooms. Tom Chipman recommended sinks with hand sensors for Stoddard bathrooms. Parents will sign a waiver with a list of questions related to wellness at program drop off. Playgrounds will be fenced off tomorrow with orange nets by Bob Nemet. Fencing and faucets will be submitted as COVID expenses.

Finance committee discussion: Chairman of the finance committee has concerns about closing the lake to non-residents this year. He remembered some of the language of the grant from 1996. Mark Frank had requested public records back in October and again last week to the AG's office, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. Town Counsel cannot advise without finding the paperwork. Mark also reached out to town departments including the accountant and no one has any records of the grant and its language. The prior Recreation Director and Assistant Director do not have any. The board stands by its prior vote and believes that the public health takes precedent in 2020. According to our insurance company, we will need signed waivers from both participants and staff. They gave us language that we can use for these waivers. Park users would not be required to sign these according to our insurance company. The lake will have a list of COVID rules on signs.

Sue Nersessian (our finance liaison) brought our concerns to the finance committee also understands our financial concerns and although a capital infusion is not needed right away, they do acknowledge that we may need a discussion down the road considering we are still paying for field maintenance and we may lose money at the lake this summer.

Non-Resident Beach Sticker policy: Lisa DiLuzio raised the 2020 policy change to possibility grandfathering non-residents who have purchased season stickers in the past. Most of these residents are from Medway and Millis and have supported our programs and our lake in the past. Ultimately it was decided to not admit these non-residents as we need to do our part to limit the COVID spread. If

they own partial property (part-Holliston/part-Medway) then they are able to purchase a resident sticker.

Once Around: Shaw Lively raised the summer concerts cancellation. Possible suggestions are to do a drive-in concert at the high school or a Sunday afternoon while the lake is open. One hurdle according to Mark is that the school's properties are not yet open and they have been reluctant to open them for outside uses. Mark will explore a Sunday afternoon concert at Stoddard.

Melissa saw social media comments about the high school fields being closed. Mark confirmed that the decision to open those fields is up to the schools.

Next meeting scheduled for June 17 at 4:00 pm.

Paul Healy made a motion to adjourn; Shaw Lively seconded. Through a roll call (all in favor) the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM