

Holliston Parks Commission
Monday, May 20, 2020 4:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Agenda

- Camp/beach balance for Stoddard Park
- Financial Impact of 2020 camp/beach season
- Viability of camp: adjusted protocols/schedules
- Planning and Implementing new beach policies
- Reopening of Fields for passive use discussion
- Signage
- Once Around

Melissa Kaspern called meeting to order at 4:02 pm Attendees included: Melissa Kaspern, Mark Frank, Shaw Lively, Paul Healy, Lisa DiLuzio, Tina Hein, Sue Nersessian, Bob Nemet

Mark Frank updated the commission on Governor Baker's guidance for reopening parks, fields, facility and programming due to COVID. Fields can be opened as soon as May 25. Signage, sanitation, and other items all need consideration. Signage will be designed and ordered.

Board of health would like the lake tested on the first available date of June 1 and then we could potentially open on June 5. Mark Frank recommended keeping Patoma Park closed because of the difficulty of policing that areas. Sue Nersessian recommended that we put the park opening information on our website. Lisa DiLuzio noted that we have a press release almost ready to go with opening dates.

There is some confusion about whether or not we can use the composting bathrooms this year.

Mark Frank noted that most area beach sites and camps are "resident only" for this summer and recommends we take the same steps. Shaw Lively made a motion to amend the policy for the 2020 season restrict the access to Stoddard Park to Holliston Residents only; seconded by Tom Chipman; through a roll call vote all in favor. Mark then noted that beach use and camp use may not be profitable this summer. We could lose a significant amount of money.

Stoddard park gate guard will enforce parking policy so that no more than 50% parking lot is full; another guard would be monitoring social distancing and sanitization. Mark is recommending swim at your own risk this summer; Scott Moles has recommended to him that we guard on weekend hours. Melissa commented that she would like to open the lake but not at a loss. Sue Nersessian (finance committee) will do some research with the finance committee to see their thoughts about what happens if we are losing money by opening the beach. She will also look into a capital infusion if needed.

Camp Operations

Public and camp are not able to use the park at Stoddard at the same time. Mark Frank recommended operating camp from 8am-12pm, Monday-Thursday and operating as cohorts while not interacting with other groups. Stoddard beach would then open at 1:00 pm. Fridays would open earlier as long as camp does not have a rain date to use. Suggested start date for camp is July 6 and operate for six weeks. Shaw Lively made a motion to accept these camp changes/guidelines in 2020 presented by Mark Frank

and Lisa DiLuzio; Paul Healy seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor. Melissa Kaspern made a motion to limit camp enrollment to Holliston residents or children enrolled in Holliston Public School; Paul Healy seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor. Snack shack will not operate this summer.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at 4:00 pm

Once Around

Shaw Lively spoke with Tim Drake and his work at Stoddard is almost complete. Sand will be ready to install. Shaw also noted that Steve Bigelow may be interested in a write-in vote for the Park Commission when Tom Chipman vacates his position in June. Paul Healy will talk to him about this.

Lisa DiLuzio will send Sue Nersessian a projected budget for summer operations to take to FinCom.

Melissa Kaspern made a motion to adjourn; Shaw Lively seconded; roll call vote: all in favor