

**Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 7:15 PM
IN PERSON/REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

Agenda

- **Director's Report**
 - **Programming/Camp Update**
 - **Waterfront**
 - **Projects: Pickleball and Goodwill Bathrooms**
 - **Fields**
- **Discussion with Select Board Liaison John Cronin**
- **Goodwill Policies for signage project**
- **Boats on Lake Winthrop**
- **Mission Statement discussion- Chairman Shaw Lively**
- **Simkins Tree Service Donation**

Attendees: Melissa Kaspern, Shaw Lively, Brian McDonald, Steve Bigelow, Richard Morse, Mark Frank, John Cronin, Bob Nemet, James Keast (remote)

Director's Report

Camp Goodwill and Camp Patoma are underway and operating at full capacity. Registration for Camp Goodwill has increased greatly this year. Space is a limiting factor for increasing capacity for both camps. A survey will be sent to all camp families at the end of the summer.

The lifeguard pool has been limited this summer. There is enough staff to cover camp and Stoddard Park, but unable to cover Pleasure Point. The lifeguards have been incorporated into camp more than in previous years to promote a more cohesive team. Further discussions will be had to address sharing beach space between Camp Patoma and public use. There have been a few spikes in bacteria levels, testing continues.

Pickleball ball has not progressed as planned. Accessibility is limited during the camp season between tennis lessons at Goodwill and Patoma being closed during camp hours. The Patoma courts have become slippery due to moss growing on the court. A quote for power washing was acquired which came for \$10,000. The current plan is to line two courts at Goodwill at the end of camp.

The department has been granted \$100,000 for engineering services for Goodwill, subject to appropriation. The bathroom redesign discussion has begun, but should also include the garage and pavilion in the scope of the project. With the 9 Green Street project beginning, we want to make sure that the look of both properties match (benches, lights, garbage receptacles, etc.)

Discussion with John Cronin

Looking to the future, priorities, improvements and responsibilities need to be defined and resources acquired. In the facility manager's original employment plan, major projects would fall under facilities. The question is where the rest of the maintenance should fall. Discussions are ongoing regarding the responsibility and funding of maintenance. These discussions will include more than just fields.

Ms. Kaspern made a motion to inform the select board that Parks & Recreation would explore a new model of how the maintenance operations work within the town structure. Second by Mr. Bigelow. Passed unanimously.

Goodwill Policies

Mr. Frank will update the proof with the changes discussed and submit it to the board for approval. Signage for Patoma is next on the list.

Boats on Lake Winthrop

After a boat with an internal combustion engine was docked in the lake, a discussion was held regarding the existing by-law. Mr. Lively made a motion to amend section 6 of the Parks & Recreation Commission by-laws to say no person shall operate a boat on Lake Winthrop powered by an internal combustion engine or an electric motor engine with greater than 1.5hp. Second by Ms. Kaspern. Passed unanimously.

Mission Statement

Mr. Lively noted that the current mission statement does not cover all the areas maintained by the department. The board will work to create updated content.

Simkins Tree Service Donation

Simkins Tree Service provided \$2400 worth of work as a donation. Thank you Leo!

Fields

There have been a number of vandalism incidents over the course of the summer. Further incidents will be documented.

Meeting adjourned.