

**Holliston Parks Commission
Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

Agenda

- **Welcoming new commissioner**
- **Programming/Camp Update**
- **Mask Policies for programming**
- **Beach day pass price adjustment**
- **Court project update**
- **Dock project update**
- **Pickleball update**
- **Summer concerts**
- **Fields**
- **Once around**

Attendees: Melissa Kaspern, Shaw Lively, Brian McDonald, Richard Morse, Mark Frank, Shannon Cornwell

Welcome New Commissioner

Richard Morse had been elected as a new commissioner. Shaw Lively has been re-elected.

Programming/Camp Update

Spring is going well, primarily outdoor programs running. Summer camps are about full with waitlists for a number of weeks at both Camp Patoma and Camp Goodwill. Gate guards and waterfront staff are being included in some of the training. There is a shortage of lifeguards all over. A number of applicants that were not offered a counselor position were given the option to get certified and work as a lifeguard/swim instructor.

Boat rentals will be available. The department is working on the process for reservations and first come first serve.

Beach stickers are selling at a good rate. The beach will be open to anyone with a season pass.

Before and after care has been brought back to Camp Patoma. Park attendants are slated to be working from 8am - 5pm. Stoddard park had been scheduled to be open with lifeguards and attendants for Memorial day weekend, but since canceled due to the weather. Another issue that has been brought up is that youth sports are still utilizing the fields. A process will be in place to collect parking fees while still allowing free access to those there for a game/practice. Mr. Frank has conducted training with the park attendants.

Mask Policies for Programming

For the summer, campers will be asked to bring masks for any indoor portions. Camp will run as it has prior to the 2020 summer. Groups will not need to travel in cohorts nor avoid other groups. Rain days for Camp Patoma were discussed. It was decided that campers can be brought to 1750 Washington St, but must wear masks while in the building.

Beach Day Pass Adjustment

To smooth out the day pass process at Stoddard Park, Mr. Frank asked that the non-resident day pass be set at \$20 Mr. Lively made a motion to reduce the non-resident day pass to \$20. Roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Court Project Update

The basketball court has been resurfaced. There has been quite a bit of garbage being left at the court. Mr. Frank is working with James Keast to come up with a rotating schedule to maintain the court surfaces.

Dock Project Update

The new dock will be installed between June 7 and June 11. A resident who lives on Lake Winthrop will be removing the old dock to repurpose it for their own use.

Pickleball

With the Goodwill bathroom project planning to move forward, it could be possible for the department to fund the first portion of the pickleball project on their own. Further discussion is necessary as there are a number of projects on the horizon.

Concerts

Concerts are happening and funded by Holliston Newcomers and Neighbors. August 3 will be in conjunction with National Night Out with the Holliston Police department.

Fields

No new field updates. The goal is to keep the fields maintained, but resources(manpower) are needed. Two seasonal staff members were hired for the summer. Part of their duties are raking base lines and picking up trash at fields.

No one around as Mr. McDonald had to leave.

Meeting adjourned.