

Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Agenda

- Beach policy history and presentation and options
 - Public comment
 - Board Discussion
- Fields—Maintenance discussion
- Assistant Director Position
- Once around

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Melissa Kaspern

Attendees: Shaw Lively, Melissa Kaspern, Paul Healy, Steve Bigelow, Brian MacDonald, Mark Frank, Lisa DiLuzio, Bob Nemet, Shannon Cornwell, Barb Warby, Tina Hein, Peter Rosen, Michelle Potter, Michelle Zeamer

Assistant Director Position

Lisa DiLuzio has stepped down as Assistant Director. The position was posted on 1/5/21 and subsequently closed on 1/13/21. Multiple applications were submitted. Interviews will take place on 1/20/21.

Beach Policy

Mark Frank gave a presentation on beach permit history, recent safety concerns and usage. Due to the pandemic, Stoddard Park was open to Holliston residents only. A survey was sent to all resident permit holders in the fall of 2020. Overall respondents enjoyed the less crowded experience, particularly related to the pandemic. The most reported negatives were related to weeds in the lake, lack of staff and no access during camp hours. Three policy change options were presented for moving forward in the 2021 beach season. Members of the community, Barb Warby, Michelle Potter and Peter Rosen spoke to the lack of diversity with a resident only policy in place.

A motion by Shaw Lively was made to alter the Stoddard Park Beach access policy to stand as follows for the 2021 season (Memorial Day – Labor Day):

Season permits and day passes will be offered for both Holliston residents and non-residents;

A log is to be kept for day passes for accountability measures;

No day passes will be available for purchase during camp hours;

Access to the park is subject to capacity limits;

Resident season permits - \$50, non-resident season permits - \$100;

Resident day passes - \$15, non-resident day passes - \$25

The motion was seconded by Steve Bigelow, all in favor.

Fields

Mark Frank met with James Keast, Travis Ahern and Sean Reese to discuss the future of field maintenance. This topic has been moved forward to the February meeting.

Once Around

Melissa Kaspern has asked that spending updates and priorities be included on the February meeting's agenda.

Melissa Kaspern has requested that summer camp plans be discussed at the February meeting.

Mark Frank notified the board that Bobby Blair has requested the use of Goodwill Park on Saturday July 10, 2021 for a laser light show. This request was approved last year, but the event was postponed due to the pandemic. There is a rain date of July 11, 2021

Mark Frank shared with the board that a group supporting the Holliston senior class of 2021 has requested use of park space for an event in lieu of the long standing all night grad party typically held at Forekicks the night of graduation. Ideally the event would take place in the evening to replicate the usual festivities as much as possible. While the thought behind the idea was well received the board did not feel comfortable with the idea using Stoddard after dark, with direct access to water and various other access points. Shannon Cornwell will work with Debra Frey to see if using Goodwill until 9:30 would be an option for the class.

A Holliston Parks Commission meeting will be held February 10, 2021.

Melissa Kaspern made a motion to adjourn a 8:10 pm. Paul Healy seconded; Roll call vote-all in favor