

Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday February 9, 2022 7:00 PM
IN PERSON/REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Attendees: Brian McDonald, Steve Bigelow, Melissa Kaspern, Richard Morse, Shaw Lively, Mark Frank, Shannon Cornwell, Bob Nemet

Agenda

Review and vote January meeting minutes

Directors report

- Programming
- Projects
- Maintenance Discussions

Geese mitigation options- Weston Pond Dog Allowance Option

Sledding Hill at Goodwill Park

Holliston 300th Year celebration- parks and recreation ideas

Lake Fees 2022

Commissioners Updates

Approve Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bigelow made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Directors Report

The first week of registration was a success. Field trips have been brought back to the Senior Patoma Camp. A majority of the sports camps are being brought in-house.

Mr. Lively and Mr. Frank put together a list of departmental goals. The commissioners will review and discuss at the next meeting.

Goodwill contract being signed on February 10th. Mr. Nemet found survey records from the Goodwill project that can be used for this project. At the next meeting, the commissioners will review the overall project plan and timeline. Separate meetings regarding the project will most likely take place separately from regular commission meetings.

The maintenance group met last week to continue to solidify the responsibility list. The next meeting is Tuesday, 2/15 at noon.

Geese mitigation options- Weston Pond Dog Allowance Option

Mr. Frank spoke with Dawn Neborski (president of Holliston youth soccer) regarding the use of the grape juice mitigation option and she supports efforts to reduce the geese problems. Another option that's

being explored is to open Weston Pond field to off leash dog usage. Items to consider include a discussion with the Conservation Commission, public outreach as to the purpose, the area is not fully fenced and liability issues. Mr. Frank will investigate if a by-law change is required. Ms. Kaspern to make a motion to explore opening up Weston Pond during certain hours for off leash play in effort to reduce the goose feces. Mr. Bigelow. Ms. Kaspern, Mr. Bigelow and Mr. McDonald will work with Mr. Frank further.

Sledding at Goodwill Park

Mr. McDonald and Mr. Lively will walk the area and report back.

300th Year Celebration

The goal would be to have the Goodwill project completed. During the celebration year we can promote the new park area. Suggested ways to celebrate included a Stoddard Park day, canoe races, triathlon, old time baseball, history of the properties, Lake Winthrop scavenger hunt and an educational self guided tour. Another option would be to pick a single day and have activities at all the parks for visitors to explore. A shared document will be created to list ideas and begin planning.

Lake fees 2022

Mr. McDonald made a motion to raise the resident annual fee from \$50 to \$55 to account for minimum wage and lake staff salaries increases. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bigelow, all in favor, motion passed. All other lake pass fees remain the same.

Commissioner Update

Ms. Kaspern shared that the Community Preservation Commission (CPC) has been informed of a number of large projects coming in the future. The Park Commission/department should be prepared to bring any of their own future projects sooner rather than later and continue to keep CPC updated while preparing the formal presentation. The commission should explore other funding options as well.

Mr. Lively and Mr. Frank are meeting with a new representative of the pump track group.

Mr. Frank's annual review took place under the process provided by HR.

The next meeting will be March 3, 2022 at 6:30pm

Ms. Kaspern Made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Morse seconded, all in favor, motion passed at 8:33pm.