

Holliston Parks Commission  
Wednesday July 27, 2022 5:30PM  
IN PERSON/REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Attendees: Brian McDonald, Steve Bigelow, Richard Morse, Shaw Lively, Mark Frank, Leslie Rich (online)

Agenda

Director's Report

- Programming update summer/fall
- Personnel
- Beach use/financials update

Goodwill Park Bathrooms/Courts/Pavilion Renderings and discussion

Goose Control, Weed Control Update for Stoddard and Pleasure Point

Director's Report

Camp is going well so far. Changes to how the waterfront operates have made a positive impact on camp. There has been an increase in day passes from residents and non-residents on the Stoddard side. The beach is currently being staffed by lifeguards Monday-Friday 9-6 and Saturday 12-6. There has been a rise in paddle boat rentals on the weekend. Boat racks have been fully rented and are being utilized.

Goose Control, Weed Control Update for Stoddard and Pleasure Point

New geese mitigation processes are in place. At night a fence system is installed on the Stoddard beach that deters the geese from coming up on the beach. Grounds are being treated as well. The beach has been much cleaner as a result. As of now, neither beach has been closed due to bacteria.

A survey will be conducted to determine if there are any mussels that need to be relocated. To address the growth around the swimming areas at Pleasure Point and Stoddard Park, weeds will be cut, hauled away and new benthic mats will be installed. The mats will be removed late summer/early fall. The mats are stored offsite and will be reinstalled/removed annually.

Mr. Bigelow made a motion to approve the weed control for 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$13,000, seconded by Mr. McDonald. Motion carries.

The commission reviewed the updated plans for Goodwill. They discussed the layout of courts, new structures and lights. Ms. Rich voiced concerns regarding the lights on the courts and noise of the pickleball equipment.

A public forum is scheduled for September 7, 2022, 7pm at 1750 Washington Street.

Further discussions are needed regarding funding. Mr. Lively made note that the project could be broken up into sections to possibly assist with various funding sources.

The surface level of the courts needs to be reviewed as well as noise mitigation.

The historical stone building will remain but reconfigured to allow for camp expansion and more storage.

Mr. Bigelow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. McDonald. Motion carried.