

Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday September 8, 2022 7:00PM
IN PERSON/REMOTE PARTICIPATION

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

Agenda

Public hearing: Goodwill Park Improvement Project

Introduction of concept

Display of engineering renderings/site plan

Discussion of funding mechanisms Public input

Mr. Lively gave an overview of the Goodwill Park improvement project, highlighting a need for a 5th tennis court, more covered space for summer camp and bathroom upgrades. Mr. Frank invited members of the public to view the plans prior to any comments.

Ms. Leslie Rich shared her concerns about putting too much in the relatively small space. She also discussed the sound issues surrounding pickleball. Pickleball is also a growing sport in town and the existing parking spaces might not be able to accommodate all players. Ms. Rich is also concerned about adding any courts to the low lying areas. Lastly she'd like to ensure that lighting is addressed. Ms. Alix Carey is concerned that the plan brings too much to the park. Over the years vandalism has been a problem and by turning the pavilion away from the street would encourage more. She would also like to see all the trees remain. Mr. Bunker would like to see the park continue to be used for smaller events, improve what's there and not increase the offerings. Ms. Inge Daniels also agrees that all of these changes may be too much for the space. Mr. Steve Bradford spoke about the memorial and flag pole. He asked that the family be included in any discussion of moving the memorial. Ms. Janice Miller spoke about the possible use of acoustic mats to reduce the impact of the sound of pickleball. She would like to see us find a home for pickleball somewhere in Holliston. Further discussion is needed regarding site lines and lights on the courts.

The commission will review all the input provided and continue to make changes, present new ideas and continue to work with the community to arrive at a final plan that works for the town and its residents.

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