

Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday May 1, 2019
7:00 PM @ 1750 Washington Street

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Melissa Kaspern, Shaw Lively, Paul Healy, Tom Chipman, James Keast, Mark Frank, Lisa DiLuzio

Agenda

- Fields update
- ESS Update (if report delivered)
- Summer Planning
- Once Around

Fields update

Mark Frank stated that the Drake Company is not able to open the fields this season and he has asked Cobblestone/Scott Brown to step in. Cobblestone will start today as the fields were too wet earlier in the week. Mr. Frank will find a contractor to turn over the infields for the remainder of the season on a bi-weekly basis. The DPW was unable to allocate enough hours to Parks & Rec to get the fields open in a timely manner due to conflicting projects, specifically roadwork and an emergency water main break. Mr. Frank is looking to hire a contractor for all of the field maintenance in 2020. In August, Mr. Frank plans to meet with Tom Smith and Sean Reese of the DPW to gather ideas for the field maintenance as the current process is not working. He will also meet with finance liaisons Sue Nersessian and Vin Murphy to start the discussions about funding the field maintenance if we cannot get the work done in a timely manner with the DPW.

The board discussed the idea of a capital request for a major baseball field renovation project. Mark Frank indicated that the Drake Company is not likely to maintain the fields this season as the current field conditions are unsafe and does not want their name tied to the fields. He will start to obtain quotes for major field renovations and discuss funding options with finance.

ESS Update: No update; report expected this week

Summer Planning

Mr. Frank noted that the beach set-up will begin on June 3 and we expect to have a soft opening the weekend of June 8 & 9 with an official opening of June 14. The Drake Company will turn over the sand at the beaches bi-weekly. He also noted that we had many returning summer staff members so very little hiring was necessary this summer.

Once Around

Mark Frank confirmed that the tennis court fencing gap project at Patoma has been completed by Brad Mayo. Robert Haberski, Tom Smith (DPW) and Paul Sauliner are planning to check out the site to hook up the rail trail to 1750 Washington Street.

Shaw Lively noted that some of the tables at Stoddard Park need to be painted as well as the lifeguard sheds. He also indicated that new fencing needed to be installed between the boat launch and the fields at Stoddard. Lisa DiLuzio will look into pricing for all of this.

Meeting Minutes: April 3, 2019

Attendees reviewed meeting minutes of April 3, 2019. Shaw Lively made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written, Paul Healy seconded; Melissa Kaspern abstained; all in favor.

Shaw Lively made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM, Tom Chipman seconded; all in favor.