

Recreation & Parks
December 4, 2023
6pm @ Community Center

Attendance: Matt Martin, Linda Rice Collins, Rosanna Ferrante, and Shelly Bedrossian

Meeting called to order at 6:01p.

Meeting minutes for 11/14/2023 – Motion to approve. All in favor.

Topics:

- Fountain Park Steps
 - Update from Rosanna – architect has everything; Becky Curran requesting cost for steps
- Disc Golf
 - Rosanna & Jaime are working with Nick. He has chosen a possible location at Steer Swamp, drafted a plan showing best locations for holes and how much clearing is required for each – see attached Steer Swamp map
 - Steer Swamp is conservation land; will need to go through Conservation Commission (Con Comm). Rosanna and Jaime suggested education for Con Comm at their January meeting as first step, followed by a community meeting and then an official Notice of Intent submission to Con Comm.
 - Stakes and flags suggested as examples of hole locations for site visits
 - Cost not finalized yet; could be \$15,000-\$20,000
 - Local businesses suggested as possible tee sponsors to help with cost
 - Parking concerns?
 - Rosanna will research other towns' paths to approvals for courses.
 - Rosanna will talk to Charlie Quigley about education Con Comm at their January meeting

Park Updates – Peter James

- Seaside LED lights have been redone
 - Peter asked wire inspector about possibility of wiring a button to turn them on. Someone would have to turn them on so the lights would still only come on after dark, but not if raining or otherwise unoccupied.
- Stramskis lift
 - Peter reports Essex Tech carpentry & electrical students have returned to working on the shaft for the lift.
 - Lift is being held up – contractor wants payment up front but that is not legal. Becky has brought in legal counsel. Lift cannot move forward until counsel sorts this out or finance director approves upfront payment.
- Park employees continuing with cleanups.
 - New leaf vacuum acquired
 - Tarps should be put down after ground starts to freeze – if weather permits, cleanups will be done and tarps down by January 15th. Can then clear out behind Vine St.
- One truck left to take to junkyard to sell; then will look at old sailboats, kayaks, etc.
 - Peter will put together a list of items to sell; pictures of items must be taken before snow
- Brad Delisle will be out on paternity leave – John Glabicky will be acting Foreman

Recreation Updates – Jaime Bloch

- Basketball is underway= - games start this week

- New programs in January
- One-day ski trips after school (after 3pm)
 - Every Tuesday in Jan and Feb if all goes to plan
 - Waiting for bus contract with Healey to be signed
 - No rentals, no school pick-ups, drop off at Rec & Park Community Center only
 - Grades 3-7
 - 20 kids needed to break even cost-wise with two staffers
- Summer programs
 - Last day of school is June 14th, 2024; playground programs start week after
 - Will be meeting with returning staff who are home over winter break to determine who is coming back and how much new staff will need to be hired
- Daddy/Daughter dance
 - Reworking name to be more inclusive
- Adult soccer and badminton coming back in January
- MOU for schools will be coming up in April; will be effective September 1st

Beach Subcommittee – Shelly & Karin

- How viable is moving away from cash?
- Non-resident beach parking permits & residents with no stickers
- Gathering information on ways to increase cash flow for Rec & Park without asking for more in budget
- Will gather info on what works and what does not in other municipalities

Correspondence

- 12/10/23 Epstein Hill School walk around Marblehead Neck to raise money for a kibbutz destroyed in Israel (see attached permit summary report)
 - Motion to approve, all in favor pending acquisition of certificate of insurance and port-a-potties
- 05/11/24 MS Walk at Devereaux Beach (see attached permit summary report)
 - Motion to approve, all in favor pending Select Board approval and certificate of insurance

Next Meeting – January 9, 2024 @ 6p

Meeting adjourned @ 7:23p