

Recreation and Parks Meeting Minutes

01-07-10

NOTE: The following is a **summary** of matters from a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 39 and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws. Meetings are often recorded and tapes used as an aid.

1) **Call to order:** 4:10 PM: Chairman Chip Osborne called to order the 01/07/2010 special meeting.

2) **Attendance:**

- a) **Present (constituting a quorum):** Chip Osborne, Linda Rice-Collins, Chuck Nyren, Recreation Supervisor Mike Lane, and Superintendent Brendan Egan.
- b) **Absent:** Derek Norcross, Sam Ganglani.

3) **Minutes:**

Motion made and seconded (Chuck, Linda) to approve minutes of the 01/05/10 meeting; all in favor.

4) **Reports:** Reports tabled; nothing to update since the 01/05/10 meeting.

5) **Old Business:**

Shore Lea/Hamond Center: Chip reports the steerage committee is planning to meet within the next couple weeks; Shattuck fund managers have expressed support of developing nature programs at the cabin.

6) **New Business:**

- a) **Correspondence:** None.
- b) **Budget 2010:** Chip provided copies of last year's budget sheets (attached). FY 2011 worksheets are not yet available from the Finance Department. Discussion of considerations for FY11 budget included: expectations of a level budget; New MMEA contract with new salary figures; line items vs. bottom line of general "191" account; budgeted funds vs. revolving funds; ways of generating revenue; prohibitions on park user's fees; sports group's donations; field condition expectations; capital outlay; organic approach to field maintenance; water conservancy; composting; liquid vs. granular fertilization; limitations caused by lack of equipment and manpower vs. demands; the need for the Community Center to have a custodian the same as other public buildings; and passive park vs. athletic field maintenance. After discussion:
 - i) **Motion** made and seconded (Linda, Chuck) to move from the current granular fertilizer to liquid fertilizer applications pending the approval of funding for the equipment; all in favor.
 - ii) **Motion** made and seconded (Chuck, Linda) to create a line item in the "191" account for "passive parks" with an allotted sum request to be determined when FY11 figures become available; all in favor.
 - iii) **Motion** made and seconded (Linda, Chuck) for Linda and Sam to contact the sports group's using the fields to discuss regular donations from each group on a seasonal basis; all in favor.
- c) **Athletic Field Work:** tabled.
- d) **Beach storage request:** Brendan received a request to store lobster traps at Devereux beach. **Motion** made and seconded (Chuck, Linda) to authorize Brendan to negotiate the permit on behalf of the Board; all in favor.
- e) **Next meeting:** Topics to include: Athletic field work, Budget, Beach operations, and Crocker Park.

7) **Adjournment:**

Adjourned: The Board adjourned the meeting at **6:05 PM**. The next meeting has been scheduled for **7:00 PM Thursday January 21, 2009** at the Marblehead Community Center.

Respectfully submitted: Ric Reynolds, Department Clerk