

Recreation and Parks Meeting Minutes

05/20/2019

NOTE: The following is a **summary** of matters submitted at a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 39 and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws.

- 1) **Called to order:** 7:01 PM.
- 2) **Attendance:** Chip and Derek Absent.
- 3) **Minutes of last meeting:** Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting; all in favor.
- 4) **Appearances:**
 - a) **Marblehead Festival of Arts:** Robb Macomber and 3 representatives appeared to discuss this summer's events at Crocker Park and Fort Sewall, specifically: parking in Crocker, performance end times, and bottle pickup at the Fort. Board agreed that 10:30PM is still ok for performance end time, and the Festival agreed that they would clean up and dispose of the empty Champagne bottles after the reception at the Fort. The Board has safety concerns regarding parking in Crocker Park proper, particularly in the area of the seal statue. The Festival reps assured them that they take all safety concerns very seriously. The Board will discuss it further when all 5 members are available and decide about any parking restrictions at that time.
 - b) **Marblehead Great Picnic:** Tom Blackler and 7 representatives of the Marblehead Old Cars Club appeared to discuss a revival of the "Great Picnic" at Reynolds' Playground on July 14th (rain date July 28th). After discussion: Motion made and seconded to approve, waive all fees, and co-sponsor the event; all in favor.
 - c) **School Building Committee:** Katherine Martin and Sarah Fox appeared to discuss presenting information to the public in the Community Center regarding the new school building proposal. They would like to set up an information area in June for an hour a day during COA time. Board agreed it would be fine as long as they coordinate with the COA and Pete.
 - d) **Marblehead Baseball:** Kent Wheeler appeared to discuss his concerns regarding the upcoming shut down of Seaside for field work; specifically he feels the infield is in worse shape than the outfield. The Board assured him the entire field will be getting attention while it is shut down. Storage of equipment was also discussed and it was agreed the bathroom areas needs to be kept neat and organized.
- 5) **Reports (see attached):** Addendum & Actions taken:
 - a) **Superintendent:**
 - i) **Added discussion:** The Hamond Family has picked out an "Eastern Red Bud" to be planted in Memory of Tom and would like to put it at the Hamond Center; Pete is coordinating. Crew made a pea stone path at the Nature Garden. Information distributed regarding the Town's remote participation policy (see copy).
 - ii) **Actionable items:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the following seasonal maintenance hires with all in favor: Sean Sweeney, Joe Cronin, and Cassandra Kugel.
 - b) **Recreation Supervisor:**
 - i) **Added discussion:** Movie nights at Crocker; "Do Something" projects not coordinating with the Department; upcoming half-marathon; Whaler donation; and Great Picnic ideas.
 - ii) **Actionable items:** Motions were made and seconded to approve the attached list of seasonal hires with all in favor.

6) **Topics:**

- a) Reynolds Playground: See attached preliminary numbers for proposed project.
- b) Eveleth Field: Pete had the lacrosse net sat Eveleth Field removed since no lacrosse practices are supposed to be there and it tears up the T-ball field.
- c) Orne Rink: Lights discussed; no actions taken.

7) **Correspondence (see attached)**: Motions were made and seconded to approve the following with all in favor:

a) Permits (see attached):

- i) Peabody Recreation: Approved; must pay for parking.
- ii) Alex Hersey: Approved as requested.
- iii) Burlington Recreation: Approved; must pay for parking.
- iv) Trustees: Approved as requested.
- v) Montessori: Approved as requested.
- vi) Eastern YC: Approved pending \$150 fee and proof of event insurance.

- b) Other (see attached): A thank you note was received for the tree planting at Seaside. Jim Nye also expressed his gratitude to Greg Snow for all his work.

8) **Timekeeping**: Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 PM. Next meeting to be determined.