

**Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2020 @ 5:30p via Zoom**

**Attendance:** All present. Late start due to technical difficulties. Start 5:38p

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** **Approved all in favor**

**New Business:** Buck Grader, Pickleball, would like the time to be earlier but we can't change the time at Vets. They would like to overlay the Vets tennis court with pickleball lines with a portable net. Second request, take tennis court 6 at Seaside for Pickleball. Invite to our next meeting - Buck Grader & Joe Mckane to discuss pickleball. Request was too late for this agenda.

**Assistant Superintendent Report**

- Fall Programs - December session
- Ramio Windwrap
- Snowless Snowman - Fundraiser for Hobbs Playground
- Daddy Daughter Dance - new idea outside
- Snowblowers for Raimo Zone
- SUP RFP - waiting

**Superintendent Report**

- Crew working on clean-ups, trash 3 x's per week.
- Robert Gillis passed. He worked for the department for 25 years. He will be missed deeply. Guys would like to do a memorial bench at the shop or possibly Stramskis as Gilly and Greg worked on the lockers together there. Dedicated employee, very rarely took a sick day. Worked harder than anyone. Great Guy! One of a kind! Department will cover the cost of the bench.
- Seasonal employee Sean Sweeney's last day was this week. Leaving to become a Police Officer. Bring in Leo Fobert temporarily. Will post an open position next week.

**Athletic Fields Update**

- Field tarps to go down week of December 14th
- Turf Manager may need to quarantine due to COVID exposure. A family member needs to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days.
- Lower Village looks great because of limited use this year due to COVID.

**Stramski/Chandler Hovey/Shattuck Funding**

Stramski plans for handicap access for the building. Went out to bid and estimates were all over the place 40K-150K. Front and back as 2 projects and still came in too high. Chandler Hovey Pavillon came in over expedited. Called Jim Nye at the NGB on Shattuck on options with allocated funds with bids over expectations. \$29.6K can be allocated to Stramskis. **Chandler Hovey Options:** Tear down? Fundraise? Override? Needs approval from Selectmen. Discussion on prevailing wage. We can purchase the materials and do a labor only contract. Pavilions at LightHouse going on Capital request.

**Hydration Station Proposal**

Water Fountains/Bottle Filling Stations Proposal - Sustainable Marblehead, Working Group: Jenny Morton & Steve Miller. Installation will be more than proposed due to needing water access. Top of Seaside for walking access? Do we want one on the GrandStand? Vandalism. Gatchell's water bottle filling stations. Shattuck \$15K

Discussion - Where the one with the dog bowl should go. Peter will reach out to discuss with Sustainable MHD. Will revisit to discuss at the next meeting. Invite to next meeting

**Draft of Memorandum of Understanding with MHD Public Schools**

Needed to be reviewed by the Town Council to formalize to present to the School Committee for their consideration. Motion made to unanimously adopt the MOU to schools with an annual review end of December. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Kevin Snow email read by Chip in compliments to Peter James.**

### **Rink Feasibility Study Update**

Chip & Derek on Committee

Was supposed to be completed by 10/31. Not close to complete. After review of sites in town, only places in town that could house an indoor rink Beacon & Green. Ledge, conservation permission. Minimum 1.5M to prep site, 7.5M to build rink, 850K to operate. Run by a private contractor. All bills and revenue into the Town of Marblehead. Town would need to hire to oversee workload with no revenue guarantee. The only places in town for an outdoor rink are Reynolds and Eveleth School. School Department land. 1.75M to develop the Eveleth Site. Neighborhood? Management company needed due to the size and scope of work. Chips working document for consideration. Sports Committee open meeting for presentation in December. Chip will send out for review and comments. Meeting Thursday, December 10 @ 5:30p to review/finalized document.

**Matt Martin left meeting at 6:50p**

### **Correspondence**

- Grace Community Church- request to use the parking lot at Devereux Beach on December 24th 5:00-6:30p. Approve pending board of health approval
- Porter Danforth- Clean-up Seaside. Approve this. Thanks to them for their interest. Motion to allow Danforth brothers to create Friends of Seaside park. Reporting to the Superintendent with any request. Approved all in favor.
- Alexandra Mitchell - Can't approve at this time due to COVID that is fluid and ongoing. Our parks are for ceremonies only. Fort Sewall is not our jurisdiction Motion to deny request All in favor. Uncertain times and not looking to do with our park properties. Ceremony only.
- **Meeting adjourned 7:20p**