

## **Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting**

**January 7, 2021**

**5:30p via Zoom**

**Attendance:** All in Attendance

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes** 12/10 & Sports Committee on 12/14

### **New Business:**

Memorial Bench for Robert Till @ Piper Fields the Athletic Department & Principal is looking for assistance with what type of bench. Till Family is interested in the cost of the bench. Derek proposed to Recreation & Parks purchase the bench. All commission in agreement. Motion made for the Recreation & Parks Department will pay for all the costs. The source of the funding TBD. At the site picked out by the Till Family. Installation in the Spring of 2021. All in favor.

### **Sustainable MHD - Hydration Stations**

In attendance: Jenny Morton

Water Filling Stations. Stramski Funding \$15K for 3-4 fountains. Proposed Chandler Hovey, Seaside Park (w/dog hydration), and Devereux Beach possibly Stramski. Would like to follow Concord's model. Rec & Park would like to see one at Gatchells instead of Stramski because of the activity level. Style to be decided by Peter James. Next step is for Peter to get costs for stations and installation. Installation will take place in the spring when water is turned on. Water stations will be on for the season.

**SUP Proposal**-Accepted the proposal. Motion made to accept the proposal for 4k for 3 years. All in favor. Jaime to connect with Becky for contract to be signed.

**Winter Work of Park Crew** - Greg Snow will work with Peter Rice on rear deck for Stramskis. Painting in the Community Center (office and dining room). Paint lower level - bathroom and locker room.

*Share emails with Greg from the Conservancy. High praise for his work on Lead Mills from Don Morgan and others.*

**Devereux Beach 2021** - Extensive discussion on the Beach in February. Working session during meeting. Beach Operation plan solidified 1st week in March.

### **Superintendent Update**

**MOU School** - Shared with School Superintendent. He has shared it with the school committee and other key staff. Todd Bloodgood, School Buildings & Grounds, reached out to Peter and talked about equipment for Piper Field. He thought it was a great idea as it had been used at Essex Tech. Reaching out to Boosters and School Finance Director for financial support.

**Crew Work:** Leaves and Christmas trees. New Kayak racks being built

**Rolling Stock Request:** new Truck, new 16 ft trailer and new riding mower.

Revolving Fund Continuance request to Selectmen

Open position posted

### **Recreation Update**

- Fall Programs - ended December
- Winter Programs - starting January 11. Outside Only
- Spring Programs - working on Leagues
- Summer Programs - Offering and hirings. Currently Outside only

- Mini Golf
- Snowman Search- Starting January 15
- New Hire Tess Keaney
- Daddy Daughter Dance - can;t

**Tree Committee Update** - will reconvene. Linda has stepped down from the committee and Chip will step in as the Rec & Park representative. Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, January 13th @ 10:00a. Zoom link to be sent. Include Matt Martin.

#### **Chair Update - Chip Osborne**

**Town Administrator Status of Anderson Trust** - Consultant will provide a final report after the public meeting. After meeting next step will be with Rec & Park Reps and Seletman reps to make a final decision.

**Pump Track** - Chip involved in site walk. Bud Orne and Hobbs are not options. Lead Mills is not an option due to the agreement that it is a passive use facility. Beacon and Green as options. Not Recreation & Parks jurisdiction.

**Budget:** Level Funded. Ben Berman is running for Board of Selectmen. The financial situation is not dire but still not great. User Fee held off for a year due to COVID-19.

**Sports Committee Meeting** - Wednesday, January 20 @ 7:00p No user fee for Spring 2021.

**Bryce Suydan**- Asking about reaching out to the Tennis Community. Not currently. Both groups will be invited to a future meeting. A work session will be created. Date to TBD - possibly February 2nd @ 6:00p. Peter will reach out to Bob Seltzer of the Tennis Community.

#### **Correspondence**

**Eileen Mathieu - Democratic Committee** would like permission to use the parking lot for food donation table 1/23 & 1/24 10-2p. Approval of Board of Health plus COVID plan.

**Judith Black - Bike Rack donations** Grace Olivers, Gas House & Stramski. Not viable at Grace and Gas House. Stramski - beneficial one on the top and one on the bottom.

**Muffy Paquette** sent a request to BOS forwarded to us. Boosters to put digital sign at the entrance to the High school/Community Center. Ask to be able to promote Recreation & parks as well - Peter. We will vote on it 2 weeks from tonight.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:50p**