

Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting
January 25, 2022
6:00p @ Community Center

Attendance:

Chip Osborne, Derek Norcorss, Linda Rice Collins, Matt Martin and Karin Ernst.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of January, 12, 2022. All in favor

Appearance:

- Pal Bickford: Tree and Landscape Donation Initiative
 - Linda Rice Collins - Interim Representative from Commission to Committee
 - Presentation of website and donation process
 - Presentation of logo
 - Initial locations-Gatchells Green, Community Center, Chandler Hovey add in Hamond Nature Center
 - Minimal upkeep - no weeding
 - Online form - discussion of process
 - Connection to Community - series of invitations to organization, facebook, instagram
- Don Morgan: Marblehead Conservancy and Trails Committee
 - Maintain trails - 5 miles
 - 150 acres
 - 2x's a week all year long - trail maintenance. 2000 hours a year.
 - Maintain backside of Seaside Park -Wyman woods Rec & Park property
 - Robinson Farm - purchased in 2006 by town. , Turner Woods, Lead Mills, Pollinator,Eagle Scout Projects, Projects with Tower School
 - Invasive removal - replace with native plants
 - Asking for continued relationship
 - Reinforcing relation of Recreation & Parks acting through Superintendent to support Marblehead Conservancy as needed. Does the town have the document? Reinforce the understanding and find documents from 2005/2006? Commitment to cooperate with Conservancy. Work together moving forward. Motion made to reinforce partnership - offering manpower and tools from now until January 25, 2032. All in favor.

Topics

- Field Management 2022
 - Chip will continue to work with Peter to come up with plan
 - Fertilizer and grass seed - spring allotment in hand
 - Patching all other fields, compost
 - Invest in Park properties for improvements as a priority
 - Punch list - working document
 - Chandler Hovey sinkhole? - Peter to connect with Town engineer
- Update on Stramski Process
 - Updated plans from Walter Jacob
 - Essex tech will be working on project carpentry, electrical and plumbing.
 - Accessible Ramp - neighbors' water line runs along the front of the house. Need to run a sleeve under ramp Peter getting estimate from Donovan
 - Framing issue - too high per building inspector
- Update on Reynolds Fence
 - Meadow Lane property line has been marked
 - Greg has been working on turn around area
 - Fencing cost? Black chain link - 4ft. Peter will reach out to Sentry fence for pricing. Pricing for 1st meeting in Feb?
- Gatchells Green Improvements
 - Post and rail fence around property. Motion made to fence in Gatchells Green Property and maintain traditional access to property (Maple to Birch). All in favor. Motion carries.
- Larz Anderson Fund - waiting to hear from Selectman for a scheduled meeting. Request was made over 2 weeks ago. Derek will champion the project. Chip will stay involved as a non-voting committee member.

- Recreation & Parks proposed plan at Reynolds - with a skating rink (as big as will fit), support building and fields. Put infrastructure for the roof to be fundraised for by the community.
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- Motion made to endorse Recreation & Parks proposal for Reynolds Plan- All in favor
- Motion made to send formal letter to selectman - All in favor (All 5 Commissioners)
- Motion made to support the Recreation & Parks commission to request a meeting at 2nd meeting February to have a capital improvement plan for the proposed Reynolds Project with Larz Anderson Funds. All in favor.

Beach

- Weekend May & June
- Motion made to develop a plan to open the beach weather permitting starting Memorial Day Weekend. Weekends Only. All in favor

Park Report

- Container at Reynolds removed. Donated to Rec & Park from youth soccer put behind garage at Vine St
- Crew repairing picnic tables - storing at nature center when completed
- Winter work - barrels & boardwalks
- Roofing estimates - Lighthouse Bathroom (\$6300) and Nature Center Roof (\$16K)
- Motion made to spend \$6300 to hire HGM to repair Lighthouse bathroom room
- Motion made to spend \$16k @ Nature Center contingent not having to go out to bid
 - Assess trees prior to roof repairs at Nature Center
- Raimo Zone specs have been provided to Becky
- Main lot closed at beach due to storms
- Height adjusters on backboards - waiting on electricians
- SailBoats - recieved \$36,000 in Shattuck funds - motion to purchase boats at \$7500 per boat and negotiate price on delivery. All in favor.

Recreation Report

- Ski Trip
- Sail boats
- Winter Programs
- Summer Programs
- Community Partnerships
- Website - discussion

New Business

- **Field Allocation** - Freedom Baseball asking for field space on Saturday or Sunday. AAU team. Looking for a big diamond. What are the dates? No Spring availability. Potentially summer. What are the expectations? What is the cost?
- Bike Track Group contacted Commission. Asking Rec & Park to provide a certificate of insurance for riders. Request denied due to high risk and not part of Rec & Park programming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p

Next Meeting Monday, January 31, 5:30p via Zoom