

**Harvard Parks and Rec
Meeting Agenda – 3/19/2012
Old Public Library
7:30 pm**

Commission members: Mark Mandozzi, John Lee, Eric Dyer, Anne McWaters, BJ Pessia
Guests: **Tim Turnbull and John Turchetta**

1. Special topics –
 - a. Grant request for completion of field house at Harvard Park (Jim Lee)
Jim applied to Lions Club for funding to finish off the field house - put in changing rooms, open meeting room, snack shop, etc.
 - b. Review submitted budget
**Finance Committee is taking away P&R DPW budget piece and putting back in DPW. Otherwise, our budget is staying the same.
In order for us to request more money, Finance Committee wants very detailed account of what we need and what we spend.**
2. Mailbox and financial update
 - a. New mail
Just bills
 - b. Vote on request from Harvard Schools Trust for auction donation.
John moved to vote on donating a mooring at Bare Hill Pond. Wording must include “for a Harvard Resident”. Motion approved.
 - c. Vote on request for donation towards pole vaulting equipment.
P&R believes there is no more money needed. An anonymous donor appears to have financed the remaining balance. We will wait to take a vote when we know for certain.
3. Programs update
 - a. Review proposed beach and tennis lesson schedule
Swim lessons will start week of July 2. This summer, we will offer lessons for kids under 4 years old - “Parent/Tot Learn to Swim” and a 3-4 year old “Minnow” class. Also try to have part of the water open during lessons for free swim.
 - b. Discuss status of plans for finding new tennis director
6 one-week sessions that will coincide with swim lessons. Julie Sniffen probably will not return as director this year.
 - c. Discuss status of plans for finding new waterfront director, request to meet with personnel board.
Ad for beach director has been running in the Harvard Press for 2 weeks. Boat lottery registration is done and ready – will be open on Saturday. 100 canoe stickers are going to be given out for 90 spots, as in the past. Racks will probably be available first week of June, if not earlier. Moorings – we need 16. Should replace cables, moorings, and buoys, if we have money in the budget.
4. Field/Facility update
 - a. Status of repairs needed at Harvard Park playground
John and Anne repaired the broken plexiglass window and broken cable.

- b. Vote on request from Dan McGrath to use Pond Rd. field for baseball.
Dan McGrath is offering to pay P&R \$500 and provide 6 hours of indoor training for the kids. He is donating a batting cage as well and is going to offer assistance with field maintenance. BJ moved to vote on Dan McGrath's offer. Motion approved.
 5. Commons update
 6. Pond update
 - a. Update on status of improvement plan for boat ramp at pond.
John informed P&R that the updated plans will be ready soon from Horsely Whitten and they would like us to review. We agreed that the Pond Committee could hold the meeting and review could be done there. The construction project will be done by the end of this year (winter) after the drawdown. We will lose 10 current boat rack locations, but will devise new design to accommodate.
 - b. Broken light pole in front of the beach house
Rick Dixon said the island residents don't want to park in an area that isn't lit. There is a light on the back of beach house that will work.
 - c. Vote on request for slalom course installation at the pond.
Tim Turnbull and John Turchetta were present to request permission to install the course and are looking for P&R to change the language in the rules of the pond regarding buoys. P&R discussed them acquiring liability and insurance in order for them to offer waterskiing instruction, so as to make the course more available to all town residents. Tim and John will look into the legal side and joining US Waterskiing and then come back.
P&R delayed vote until Tim and John return with more information.
7. Planning
 - a. Two seats up for election in the coming town election
Mark is not running but is willing to continue on with the website and registrations.
8. Website
Mark has talked with UniPay and is going to talk to League Athletics. If we can't get the new system set up in time, registration for swim and boats may have to be done by check.

Other:

- BJ mentioned that there is a backstop and batting cage at Ann Lee that is in the way for the lacrosse teams that are playing there. P&R decided to leave the backstop - neighborhood kids use the field for baseball.
- ConsCom is going vote on putting a mesh net on Lower Depot (lacrosse field) to catch errant balls from going into the wetlands.

Next meeting – date 4/2/2012