

**Harvard Parks and Rec
Meeting Notes – 5/21/2012
Hapgood Library
7:30 pm**

Approve minutes from last meeting

- Approved minutes from last two meetings.

Financial Report & mail

-No news

Recreational Use of the Pond (waterski club)

- John Lee spoke with Tim Bragan and was told that Article 13 of the town bylaws (2002) states how the pond is to be used. Tim informed John that we do not have the authority to make a decision on this issue. John talked with Bob O'Shea (harbormaster) who has jurisdiction of the open water and anything on the surface of the water. Pond Committee also has jurisdiction over the pond including navigation path. Park and Rec has jurisdiction over the beach and boat launch. Tim informed John that the only way the bylaws can be changed are by a Town Meeting vote. The Waterski Club stated that their slalom course would not interfere with the navigation map. Boating Rules number 2, section 5 and number 3, section 2 would need to be changed. Bob O'Shea was not able to make the meeting tonight but forwarded three written complaints from last summer regarding the course.

- No decisions can be made until we have clarification about the language. This issue probably needs to go to Town Council. The Waterski Club will pursue two different avenues – clarifying the language and/or going the state.

- Input regarding use of the slalom course: 15 supporters

Ryan Kennedy – Eagle Scout Project

-To set up a recycling project at the beach. Ryan spoke with Rich Nota and he recommended setting up bins only for plastics and metal. He is proposing a 44-gallon barrel or two. He is planning to build them out of pressure-treated wood. He is planning on funding it himself. Aiming to do it for this summer at the beach (Eagle Scout Council takes a while to approve).

Follow up on design of boat ramp and parking area

- No news

On-line Registration update

-Anne got the application from Processing with a Purpose and sent it to Debbie Nutter at Town Hall. Anne will go to Town Hall tomorrow to follow-up.

Discuss status of plans for finding new tennis director

-Julie Sniffen agreed to run it again, if necessary, or at least get it started. Sean has been the Lead instructor (contractor paid at \$25 an hour) in the past, but he has not responded, so we may need to find a new person. There are a number of kids ready to be junior instructors. Tennis starts July 2 and runs for 6 weeks in one-week sessions.

-Mark has been contacted by groups who want to come in and run tennis programs using our courts. He is going to follow-up with them to see if there is a way to outsource our program.

Hershey Track Program

-15 people are signed up

-David Bell is running it and he submits an invoice for his expenses at the end

Playing Fields & Facility update

Commons – Bill Calderwood et al planted 7 trees

Planning

Update Park & Recreation rules and regulations - Janet Vallente said we can post them in the town bylaws.

Website

-Mark to add a couple of classes – Water Safety Aid, Adult Sailing (\$100), Water Aerobics (Tues and Thurs for 2 weeks each) - \$40

Next meeting / Meeting Schedule

-6/4/2012

Misc

-Beach Opening Day is Saturday, May 26.

-We have a permit for swimming at the beach and for an ice cream stand.

-Tennis court resurfacing – to be done at the end of the summer.

- Anne to email HFA about opening day and new classes