

Harvard Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Notes

4 September 2013

Hildreth House 7:30 PM

Commission Members: Pat Nelson, Bj Pessia, Anne McWaters

Guests: Pat Wenger, Nick Parker, Bob O'Shea, Leo Blair, Linda Mara

1. Approve minutes

Minutes approved from 8/5 and 8/19

2. BHRA Agreement with Harvard Park and Rec

-Update from Pat: Pat Nelson updated the agreement and brought it to the last subcommittee meeting. The contentious part remains the "participation" part. Pat took the reference to A/B out and put the language in the "existing students on the roster could stay and any new Bromfield students that wanted to join could do so."

3. Open Discussion – How can we improve the integration of Park and Rec/Recreation Management/Community Ed and Field Maintenance in town?

- Pat Nelson and Pat Wenger are going to talk to Littleton Parks and Rec to find out how they function as a program with community ed.
- Bj thinks we should collaborate with the community ed to do all our programs.
- Pat W. stated that School Committee has a meeting Monday and she will bring up the idea of collaborating
- Pat N. will send a letter to Pat W. and Joe Connelly

4. Beach Roundup

- Ali presented her feedback from the instructors this summer as well as her response and strategies for improvement next summer.
- We recommended that Ali group the different areas for improvement in larger fashion and address these areas (for example: communication)
- We must have a record of everyone who takes a lesson (swim, boat, etc) and what happened (whether they passed or not). Ali is going to try to go back through this summer and contact instructors to find out who passed.
- Pat wants to survey people who use the pond and live on the pond to find out how they feel about placement of racks, parking, crew et al.
- Bj and Pat opened the beach house for crew.
- Bass fishing tournament – Sept 21 – Anne to contact John Lee about it. We also need to find out when the drawdown begins. Bj will talk to Bruce Leicher about the date of the drawdown and the gravel on the boat launch.

- The trash at the beach is not being picked up by DPW. Rich Nota has been contacted and nothing has been done. Bj will follow up.
- Bob O'Shea stated that this winter we need to create a more permanent buoyed zone for crew and the permit for the dock. Bob wants to know about buying new moorings to do this. Bj wants to hold off on putting any moorings in.
- We need to find a place for trailers.
- For boats next year, we need to request the MA Registration number as well.
- Moving some of the kayak racks from the beach area right now and add metal posts for boats to tie up to.
- Mooring field needs to be redone. Bob would like to do it when the pond freezes over. We need to pull up the current blue barrels and make new ones for the winter.

Action Items:

- Anne to email John about accessing the Parks and Rec email and the Bass Fishing tournament.

Misc:

- Pat walked the property for Frisbee golf on Sunday with the senior and his uncle and there was an agreement with Don Siegrist to use a small portion of his land for the course.
- Nick Parker came to applaud Ali Luck's work this summer as the Beach Director.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:55pm