

**Harvard Park and Rec  
Meeting Minutes – 8/19/13**

**Old Library**

**7:00PM**

Commission Members: Pat Nelson, Joe Schmidt, Anne McWaters

Guests: Bill Johnson, Bob O'Shea, Andrew, Terry Dewitt

Meeting Minutes from 8/5

Eagle Scout Project at the Beach: Bill Johnson came up with the idea of making a walkway from the parking lot to the beach via the area by the water fountain for handicap accessibility. This would make the pond ADA compliant. Andrew is working with Rich Nota, Liz Allard, Bill Johnson, and John Lee to draw up the plans. He is proposing using Trex. Joe proposed putting together a list of things that need to be studied by the engineering company – canoe/kayak area, trailer parking, accessibility. Joe will contact the engineering company. Andrew wants to start in September. If Parks and Rec is not ready to approve, we also have another possible project – we need a footbridge over the swale in order to allow for canoe and kayak racks to be placed in the woods and then have access to the pond.

Fire Dept Bike Event: Fundraiser for Ken Harrod - Joe will contact the Fire Dept for info.

Beach Hours: Schedule to close the beach: Take the docks in over Labor Day weekend and take the ropes out. Ali will coordinate with DPW to come down. Beach issues: improve bathrooms. Joe asked Ali to come up with a recap of the summer for October – what happened that was good, what wasn't, etc. Financial standpoint on ice cream et al.

Long Range Planning

5 Year Plan Update – Plan due at noon on September 27, 2013. Joe will email everyone about what we need to think about and do.

CPC Requests – Pat will be the new liaison for Parks and Rec

Open Discussion

Committee Chair – Joe nominated Pat to be the new chairperson. Motion seconded and approved. Pat named as new Chair.

What are our priorities going forward? Not discussed

## Meeting Management and Process

Anne moved that Joe would sign the dock permit for BHRA approved by Bob O'Shea. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Action Items:

Anne: Send field assessment done with Mark, John, and Eric to Pat and Joe.

Work on Event Schedule for website – talk to BJ

Joe: Can we use solar energy to cut some of our National Grid bills? He will look into it.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05pm