

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting
Meeting Notes
July 15, 2013 7:30pm

Commission Members: John Lee, Joe Schmidt, Pat Nelson, Anne McWaters

Guests: Ben L'Ecuyer, Mark L'Ecuyer, Don Phillips, Bob O'Shea

Approve minutes from 7/1 – Not discussed

Senior project – Harvard Park Frisbee Golf:

-Ben L'Ecuyer presented some history of frisbee golf – one of the biggest growing sports in the US. There are 41 courses in MA. Some schools have competitive teams. The Frisbees are a bit smaller and harder. Similar to golf, but there are chain link "goals". He has talked with Don Siegrist about using some of his land. He is planning a nine-hole course at Harvard Park. Tee off from 200 – 400 feet. It will be a course geared more toward younger kids and beginners. Park and Rec advised talking to ConsComm about wetlands areas. Will need to pour concrete footings for poles, and can possibly use hanging baskets in the wetlands areas. Ben needs to do at least 40 hours. Budget: signage and concrete. Baskets have already been purchased and are in storage, which is the major expense. John Lee moved that we approve Ben's plan. Motion unanimously approved. Ben and his uncle will go out and stake the land before doing anything permanent. John will meet them at the land to delineate where different landowners' land ends and begins.

Budget update and process

-Beach budget for FY2014: \$13, 295
 Already allocated: \$3,900
 Account Balance: \$9,395

-Commons and Fields: \$21,650
 Expenses \$13,440
 Account Balance: \$8, 210

-Beach Director: \$8,880

-Revolving account: ??

FinCom Fund transfer: FinCom approved \$3,200 to pay for purchase of used Whaler in FY2014. Also approved \$2000 for a new motor in FY2013.

Beach update

General Store sales at beach: BJ to stop at General Store before work tomorrow morning to tell Scott that they need to sell only sandwiches that are made at the General and then delivered to the beach at noon. No other food (chips, candy, fruit, etc) may be sold by the General at the beach.

Canoe and kayak rental and equipment needs: We have more sailboats than we have sailboat equipment. We need tillers and dagger boards. We have nine and enough to equip 6 boats. Bj has a few tillers that need some fixing. Would like to purchase another kayak or two. We currently have 4 kayaks. Ali will check with DPW to see if any kayaks were left that we can clean up and use. Dicks is having a clearance sale right now – Ali to check it out. Two new floats are needed for the docks.

Beach policy changes: The open swim during lessons is allowed only in the far left corner of the pond. It is a small roped off area. There were fireworks being shot off of a pontoon boat – police said it was not in the jurisdiction. If such events take place, Ali has been instructed to call Mary Walker with the Environmental Police.

Nanny passes: If an out-of-town adult is taking care of a Harvard resident, they have to buy a nanny pass. Children must be in tow for nannies to be able to use pass.

It looks like we could have a total of 31 boats out on the pond. Ali is going to have sticker checkers keep track of what types of boats are coming in from out-of-town (ski boat vs fishing boat). We need to determine our carrying capacity and let boaters know.

Bob O’Shea proposes a vote that Park and Rec will enforce/control the number of motor boats/speed boats and large sail boats based on the number set by the Harbormaster. That means the sticker checkers have to keep track of the number and types of boats that enter. Bob will check with Pond Committee how much acreage per boat they would like to see, as well as Parks and Rec, and will get Selectmen buy-in.

John Lee made a motion that Parks and Rec pick a boat limit and try it for the rest of the summer. Established by the Harvard Harbormaster, the carrying capacity for Bare Hill Pond is 9 motor/speed boats and up to 6 large sailboats. We will administer this for the remainder of the summer. Based on the number of slips and moorings sold, that means we will allow 6 motor /speed boats to launch. Motion approved unanimously.

Bare Hill Rowing Agreement Update

Subcommittee:

- Terry DeWitt and Pat Hart – from BHRA
- Pam Alexander and Jim O’Shea – from Bromfield
- Pat Nelson and Joe Schmidt – from Parks and Rec
- Bob O’Shea - Harbormaster

-Pat Nelson has drafted and distributed a new agreement and highlighted parts that need to be dealt with. The subcommittee will meet next Monday. A paragraph should be added that the school will be the go-between and will authorize BHRA and then it will presented to Parks and Rec. The purpose of the meeting is to get input from all parties and then present it to Parks and Rec.

-Bob O'Shea urged Parks and Rec to limit BHRA on the pond after 10 am during the summer. BJ made a motion that P&R will not allow crew boats on the pond after 10 am this summer. Joe Schmidt will email Terry DeWitt.

Misc:

- All bills need to come in to our meetings for discussion and approval.
- Anne to ask Cindy Glade about ski club registrants.
- Anne to talk to the Garden Club about weeding the new garden areas.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30pm

Next Meeting: August 5