

Parks and Recreation
July 20th, 2015
Hildreth House

Present: Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Steve Gordon, Doug Thornton, Steve Victorson
Also Present: Bob Shea, Alexandra Luck

Field Updates - John Lee, emergency field update. Crab grass is growing in the new track. John met with maintenance and was told that maintenance had not changed in 5 years. However, it appears that grass clippings are being thrown onto the track. Also, that the grass had not been cut for awhile and perhaps had gone to seed. Grass is growing in the surface of the track. John contacted the construction crew and was told that a non-herbicide vinegar/soap based liquid would work.

DPW is using a drag behind mower that throws grass in all direction. According to John, there is another mower that requires being trailered to the field, but the DPW said that would take too much time to transport and use for the grass.

Doug will contact DPW about brining the smaller tractor over to the track.

John - DPW offered to blow off the track.

Steve G. - What do you think should be the solution?

John - Using a different mower.

Wyona - Was maintenance discussed prior to redoing the track?

Steve G. - This is a question of telling versus asking. We need to put it into writing and send an email, to Rich Nota, Doug T. and Tim Bragen. This is a very expensive project and must be cared for properly.

Wyona - Summarized and will be happy to send a message. Asked John to send a summary email and will immediately contact Rich and Tim.

John - Indication that the tractors were clearly turning around on the track.

Doug - Asked which approach to clean?

John - Herbicides, according to the architect of the track will work.

Mike Girard

The same as last year. Similar equipment as last year. Except, speakers would be faced inward and towards the store and graveyard. Needs to close the parking lot and Scott Hayward is okay with this being closed. Only one complaint received last year regarding the speakers, thus the new arrangement for the speakers.

Will have an additional officer in the center of town.

Will have speakers also in the finish line that will be used on a limited basis.

Will be the same number of competitors as last year.

Charge for the Little Common - 50.00 per day

Wyona - Proposal is clear. Summarized the town rules regarding amplified sound.

Steve V. motions to approve. Steve G. second - approved 4/0.

Mike G. asked that Wyona send him an invoice for the Little Common.

Steve Mirarchi - Chairman for youth baseball

Wyona - Summarized new town policy for consistent field charges.

Doug Thornton - Introduced the fee structure and how to figure out to come up with a fee structure.

Steve M. - Spends 5k per year on field maintenance.

Steve G. - Gave history of our going to the town asking for 35k to maintain the fields. The town said no until we have a plan. How do we come up with a number/plan to maintain the fields? I think that we can solve this?

Wyona - Where has the 5k actually been spent by baseball?

Steve G. Asked to walk through line by line to understand?

Steve M. - Maintenance - remove vegetation from baseline, rebuild pitchers mound and infield and home plate area. Some years de-thatching is done which increases the cost.

Doug T - Discussed big picture.

Wyona - How many games are played?

Steve M. - 10 week season.

Wyona - Discussed overall plan - Next step. From the baseball perspective, what are the things which much be done on a yearly basis?

Steve V. Do all teams spend such money on the fields?

Wyona - Give us a baseline for yearly maintenance costs.

Wyona asked Doug to work on a plan with Steve M. to come up with a plan by October. Wyona asked that this plan also grade each field on its needs, etc.

Stone Wall - CPC Projects Update

What is left is another 295 feet? The cost for completing the project is 100,000 to finish the project. Number came from Joe Blue. We need to decide what to do with CPC funds.

Steve G. - Suggests that we bid out this project.

Wyona - Should this project take precedent over other projects? Such as the WW1 monument?

Beach Operations

BHRA

Holly Hattan

Tour de Pond and Fall programs

BHRA gave us the summer roster as required by their agreement.

Holly asked if there were any complaints? Parks and Rec has not received any.

Allie said no complaints at the beach. Everything is going well. Happy with the program.

All boats now have walkie-talkies from a parent donation.

29 Participants

New session starting today and one more starting in August.

Hoping for more participants.

Summer competitive program doing well in the morning.

Long term thinking about the Tour de Pond - Goal to host this event for the town of Harvard. To essentially make this an event for the town, not the athletes.

How do we feel about this event? Any comments? Would be nice to have Park and Rec be a co-sponsor to generate more community participation. Not asking for organizational help, but just our name in support.

Bob O'Shea gave the background on the previous regatta, prior to rowing: "you gotta regatta".

Holly discussed last years event - The idea behind the tour de pond, was to circumnavigate the pond. She would be interested in thinking about adding some of the you gotta regatta ideas.

Doug T. - commented that these are two different events.

Holly - Have a costume event. Open to adding some other fun events. Wants to cover the entire pond with safety, etc...Maybe add one new event and to make sure enough people are present to do it well.

Wyona - Summarized. The parks and rec. is in agreement to serve as an event co-sponsor. Suggested that food be supplied and that parks and rec would be willing to help with food.

Pam Erdos- What kind of people power do we have September 20th for helping out at the event? If we add food, can people help? Will need BOS approval because of contract.

Holly - Can BHRA place the banner on the beach house? Yes, coordinate with the beach director.

Wooden dock and ramp left over from the renovations, can BHRA use this during the Fall?

Bob O'Shea - yes take it and use it for the year.

Steve G. asked if this dock could be moved.

Wyona - confirmed with Bob O'Shea that this was okay.

Wyona - hang the banner higher than any kid could grab. Okay to take ownership of the dock.

Wyona asked bob about the project with Lucca.

Bob - So far it is looking positive.

Holly - because of the lost week in Sept. due to the late holiday, the team may need to go through the first week of November.

Wyona reminded everyone of the no parking from pole 8 up to the road.

Wyona asked for a reminder of the next session of learn to row so that it can be posted on the website.

Pam Erdos - Tour de Pond info will all be sent to Steve V.

Evening Boat Checker

Discussed comments from Marie regarding her reservations on hiring this person.

Steve G. Discussed log sheet and forms from last year, similar to what Linda Mara uses.

Steve G. - Wyona: We can hire this person.

Bob O. - Wash boats, pass out the rules, no more than 6 boats out simultaneously.

Beach Operations - Update

Things going well. This Wednesday is the beach safety drill.

Jasonics emergency call box not working.

Steve G. - asked for cost of repair prior to fixing.

According to Jasonics, the phone line was not working.

Allie recommends a second phone line for the beach house.

Wyona - Deal with the emergency line first. Then ask time for a second line, it is necessary.

Charter is in the beach house.

Steve V. will call charter - 8350120410094622 beach account. Security code - 3755. 31 Pond Road. Customer number 800 - 314-7195

Discussed ice cream sales

Allie discussed overtime and triathlon payments.

Steve G. Asked why if no overtime was to be allowed, why was there overtime?

Wyona - If we know we are going to hit the wall, please remember to send Steve V. a note or give us a call if this is to happen again.

Allie will email Steve payroll, triathlon, receipts.

Wyona emphasized that we only put out a checker on the weekend nights.

Wyona - Keep 3k in the account from this year for the Beach Director, to cover the preseason requests.

Bob O'Shea - Steve V. should be reporting hours

Steve G. Estimate of hours to close the beach, so that we can pre-plan the closing hours.

Budget updates will happen next week. Steve G. did not receive the necessary document.

Wyona - Summed up the need for better communication.

Steve V. - Discussed three way meeting with Marie and Allie.

Meeting adjourned 1030 PM.