

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Monthly Commission Meeting
March 3, 2017

In attendance were: Paul Maxwell - Chairman, Mary Pat Nardino, Mike Ciotti, Emily Rosenthal, Scot Erskine Director, Tom Banisch -Selectmen Liaison, Ted Rahmann, Joe Oslander, Bill Piggott

Absent: Shane Kokoruda

Called to order by P. Maxwell at 7:30a.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes dated February 7, 2017.
 - Motion made by Nardino to approve minutes.
 - Seconded by Ciotti
 - All in Favor
- II. Chairman's Report
 - No Correspondence
- III. Public Comments
 - a. No Public in attendance
- IV. Sections Reports
 - a. Strong Field Report
 - Banisch reported that the project will be going out to bid again in the next coming weeks.
 - b. Facilities
 - Work being done at several parks cleaning up debris and trimming trees and brush. Field work when weather permits.
 - c. Bauer Park Report
 - Elections were held – Ted Rahmann still Chair with Holly Johnson as Vice Chair.
 - Starting to work on this years' Festival – 20th year of event
 - Garden Plot renewals underway.
 - d. Rockland Preserve Report
 - Two Public Hikes planned – Wildflower Hike – April 29 – 1pm
 - Mushroom Hunt/Walk - August 26- 10am.
 - Discussion regarding possible play structure for Route 79 Parking area. Would need to get volunteers. Ciotti suggested the DHHS Football Players. He will follow up.
 - e. Salt Meadow Park Report
 - Girl Scout Troop 61231 received approval from the committee to build and install and monitor 16 Bluebird Houses along the meadow grasses similar to those at Bauer Park.
 - f. Greenway Trail Report
 - Saturday Walk – May 6th at Hammonasset Committee has had trail counters installed – roughly 4,100 people have walked the trail in January.
 - Now have a shed for maintenance equipment at the Park.

Clinton mapping a possible route through their town all South of Route 1. May run into Westbrook.

g. Programs

Spring programs and some summer all up on the website already. More added as they are developed.

h. Personnel

Taking summer applications and conducting interviews for spots that need filling.

V. Old Business:

None

VI. New Business

Discussion held on thoughts on having a Tiger Paw on the padding system of the new backstop at Town Campus Baseball. It was the consensus that the Paw would be okay to have on the padding.

Banisch asked Commission for their thoughts regarding sideline and outfield fence heights as there had been a request to lower the fencing to 4' along the sidelines. It was the consensus of those present that the 6' height would be best for this age group in their opinion and would be the safer option for the spectators along the sidelines.

Maxwell asked if Gymnasium could be opened on the weekends in the late morning and afternoons now that the basketball league is over. Erskine stated that he would see what could be done to start scheduling longer hours dependent upon programs that are already scheduled.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by Nardino to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rosenthal. All in favor. 8:30pm.