

Recreation Commission: July 14, 2021

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Meeting began at 6:03pm

Recreation Commission: Drew McMorrow, Amy Smack, Courtney Bittelari, Lynette Kelleher, Holly Mansfield

Mosquito: Sarah Hart

Agenda Topics:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/21/21
 - a. Minutes not yet complete
2. Public Correspondence
 - a. An email was sent from a resident inquiring about the feasibility of having turf fields in town. Drew will reach out to this resident to discuss the matter.
3. Banta Davis Walking Trail
 - a. Steve Tobin and Bob Goldsmith proposed a new walking trail along the perimeter of the Banta Davis fields. The Trails Committee would like to coordinate with the Recreation Commission for approval of the plan and to ensure that the trail will not interfere with existing fields and future projects such as the Dog Park.
 - b. Steve also inquired about the possibility of having Golf Course Management assist with the mowing of the trail on Fox Hill. Steve is currently mowing this trail with a push mower ever 3-4 weeks.
 - i. Holly will talk with Michael Hightower to see what the added expense might be to mow this area when they are mowing the Banta Davis Fields.
 - ii. The trail is approximately 1150 ft, and the cross-country team may use this trail as well.
4. Deer Project
 - a. Sara Cavallo and Jamie Goethlich are part of a project funded by the National Science Foundation to monitor the behavior of deer in Carlisle.
 - i. The group is looking to install cameras on both public and private land to monitor the behavior of deer and how they interact with wildlife.
 - ii. The proposed areas to install cameras is at the Banta Davis as well as the recreation land at Benefield.
 - iii. With the concern of the Dog Park construction at Banta Davis, it was recommended that a better site for the camera installation at Banta Davis would be a bit further back on the property behind the soccer field.
 1. This area was previously discussed and approved for the camera location.
 - iv. The study will be conducted over 3 years with members of the group retrieving data throughout this time period.
 - v. The Recreation Commission is in support of the project.
5. Dog Park
 - a. RecCom is looking to form a Design Committee for the Dog Park
 - i. Courtney spoke with two residents who may be interested in joining the Dog Park Design Committee. 1) Kaitlin Waterson? and Annie Luttmann.
 - ii. Drew talked with Luke Ascolillo and Luke will be the BOS liaison to the design committee.
 - iii. James Darr, on the Finance Committee is also interested in being a part of the project.
 - iv. RecCom is still looking for a School Department Liaison. Carrie Patel was just appointed to the school committee and may be someone that might be interested in joining the committee.

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- v. The Dog Officer should also be invited for input on the design of the dog park. be included
 - b. The next step is to set a date for a meeting and send out an email to the interested members. Courtney will send out the email.
 - c. Per the grant agreement, we have 2 years to use the money awarded for the design phase.
6. Brick Building
 - a. There has been an ongoing maintenance issue with the Brick Building. The roof by the side door has leaked for years. Holly has talked with Rob concerning the issue as Rob mentioned his staff may be able to repair the leak.
 - i. After looking at the area, Rob's crew is not able to repair the leak as it is a much larger project than first anticipated. Rob did get a quote from JJ Supple for the repair. The quote is \$4200.
 - ii. Drew thought the quote seemed high and to talk with Jon Metiever for his recommendations.
 - b. Holly did inquire with Jim to see if the school would be willing to share the expense since this has been an on-going maintenance issue.
 - i. Drew thought that this should be an expense absorbed by RecCom since we now have a 5-year contract to use the space.
 - c. Holly will solicit additional quotes to discuss at the next meeting.
7. Spalding Project
 - a. Nothing new to report.
8. Tennis Courts
 - a. There have been several complaints regarding the condition of the tennis courts. One court is not usable due to crack that has expanded. The courts are beyond a simple repair.
 - b. At the last meeting David Weiner offered to reach out to a few companies for estimates on the best way to repair the courts.
 - c. If the tennis courts need to be completely rebuilt, then RecCom will go to Town Meeting to propose the needed funds to complete the project.
 - d. Holly will invite David to the next meeting to discuss his findings with the best way to repair the courts.
9. Liaison Reports
 - a. Boardwalk: The total cost of materials needed to repair the boardwalk was \$130. Amy delivered the wood to Banta Davis and the boy scouts completed the repairs.
 - b. Community Preservation Committee: Now that Mark Spears has retired from the Recreation Commission, a RecCom member is needed to be the liaison to CPC. Lynnette offered to take on this role. *Motion: Amy made the motion to appoint Lynette to the Community Preservation Committee. Courtney seconded. All in favor: Yes*
 - i. Lynette will email Luke to inform him of the change
10. Appointments Discussion
 - a. Drew will talk with Phil Gibson about join the Recreation Commission.
11. Other Business
 - a. The Boy Scouts proposed a project to improve the infields at Spalding field. However, this project may be larger than originally expected.
 - i. Some other ideas for the Boy Scouts maybe been the school garden, clean the area around the Brick Building and add some plantings or the Trail on the Mosely land.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 11 at 6:00PM at Town Hall

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:20PM