



Bolton Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date:	June 9 th 2020
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Remote Zoom
Commissioners Present:	Ed Sterling, Linda Herbison, Lauren Cilley, Greg Kabachinski, Laura Roberts, Ali Webb (P&R Coordinator)
Guests:	Maya Parekh, Betsy Taylor Kennedy, Ray Pfau, Mark Chaisson, Lynn Dischler, Kayla Lewkowicz, Kevin Zina, Jeff Tackle, Pete Rogers, Lauren La Rosa, Lauren Kischitz, Vince La Rosa, Liz Schoepke, Mike Gorr, Scoot Powell, Tom Finn.

Agenda Items

Agenda Item	Action
Approve Minutes from May 12th and May 28th, 2020 Minutes Minutes were approved	
Lynn Dischler - Town Common Fertilizer Lynn wanted to raise concern about the Town Common having fertilizer put on it. She is worried about the side effects these substances can have on public health. Laura Kischitz also concerned with the use, and the poor visibility of warning signs. The Commission was able to share the information that the Town Common is treated with an organic fertilizer, by the company Emerald Acres, which is owned by a Bolton resident, who donates the service to the town, and this has been a service that has been carried out since the Town Common has been completed. Greg - had reviewed the product that is used, and advised it was organic compounds, rather than organic matter used. Ed - wanted to think about what would happen if we don't fertilize the Common. Discussion on if there is a decision to stop use on Town Common should all town land including sports fields have to follow the same rules. Impact to be considered for youth sports, field conditions and playing experience. Ed - maybe we should stop this year and review. Lauren - we should take more time to gather more information, and Greg agreed. We will hold any applications until the review has been done. <i>Motion Proposed by: Ed Sterling</i> <i>Seconded by: Linda Herbison</i> <i>Unanimous vote.</i>	Ed- To contact Conservation Trust about stopping applications. Sub Committee to review; Laura & Greg
Financial Update Financials looking set to be within budget for the end of year.	

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<p>COVID-19 Phase II</p> <p>Fields - Laura had reviewed state guidelines, fields can open, and each sports will need to ensure they are following the guidelines for youth group/sports. We will continue to review porta potties, cost and daily clean. Youth sports expressed that the need during phase II isn't great with only practices, but once phase III starts with games, the time spent at the fields will increase and they will be essential.</p> <p>Scott Powell BOH - agreed it is the youth sports that need to have a plan in place to follow state guidelines.</p> <p>Fields need signage to communicate guidelines to be followed.</p> <p>The commission decided to open fields for phase II activity from thursday 11th. <i>Motion Proposed by: Greg Kabachinski</i> <i>Seconded by: Ed Sterling</i> <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p>Playgrounds - Other towns are using "use at your own risk". Signage to be placed by Thursday. <i>Motion Proposed by: Lauren Cilley</i> <i>Seconded by: Linda Herbison</i> <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p>Basketball Court - Signage with guidelines of use. Raise hoops back up. <i>Motion Proposed by: Lauren Cilley</i> <i>Seconded by: Ed Sterling</i> <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p>Beach - Reopening Plan; Beach times - 10.30am to 5pm. The beach will be closed to public use when not manned outside of these hours. Two lifeguards at all times, one managing people, second watching the water/safety. Signage for using the beach. Use restricted to Bolton residents only, proof of residence will be requested on arrival at the beach. Porta Potty to be placed, and have daily cleaning. <i>Motion Proposed by: Lauren Cilley</i> <i>Seconded by: Ed Sterling</i> <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p>Swim Lessons - Lessons will be cancelled this year, as it would be impossible to follow social distancing guidelines. <i>Motion Proposed by: Greg Kabachinski</i> <i>Seconded by: Ed Sterling</i> <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p>Persons Park - Need to monitor to ensure not used as an unmanned water/swim venue, with beach having restrictions.</p>	<p>Ali- porta potties for phase II</p>

	<p>Memorial Bench at Town Common</p> <p>Ed returned to the commission with a plan for John Lake to purchase a bench to be placed at the town common in memory of his wife. Details attached.</p> <p><i>Motion Proposed by: Ed Sterling</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by: Linda Herbison</i></p> <p><i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p>Need to go to SelectmenMeeting, for them to accept the gift to the town.</p>	Ali - Arrange Selectmen Meeting appointment.
	<p>Events</p> <p>Backyard Bolton -</p> <p><i>Motion Proposed by: Lauren Cilley</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by: Greg Kabachinski</i></p> <p><i>Unanimous vote.</i></p>	
	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <p>Town Common - Fertilizer</p> <p>Commission - Roles</p>	
	Next Meeting: Tuesday July 14th, 7:00 pm	

Approved Meeting Minutes

Initials					
Commissioner	L. Roberts	L. Cilley	L. Herbison	E. Sterling	G. Kabachinski