

Bolton Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date:	May 28 th 2020
Time/Location	8:00 p.m. Remote Zoom
Commissioners Present:	Ed Sterling, Lauren Cilley, Greg Kabachinski, Laura Roberts, Ali Webb (P&R Coordinator)
Guests:	Lauren LaRosa, Don Lowe, Leslie Caisse, Jenny Jacobsen, Kayla Lewkowicz

Agenda Items

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It has come to the commission's attention that we did not handle our beach opening meeting appropriately last week. Linda Herbison is employed by us as the beach manager and so she should not be part of our beach opening deliberations and decision making.

We need to hold a new meeting to decide and vote on opening the beach. Linda can attend the beginning of the meeting as our employee but will need to leave the zoom meeting while we decide and vote on the opening. It is a conflict of interest for Linda to act as both an employee and a Commissioner in the meeting.

8.00pm - COVID19 phased reopening plan continuation.

New guidance from Nashoba Associated BOH is for the beach to be either;

Open - Additional staff to manage visitor levels and social distancing on the beach. Porta potties, with daily clean. PPE inplace for all staff.

Closed - clearly closed, no beach use allowed, parking area closed.

Don Lowe - warned about the legal implication if the beach is not handled correctly in this crisis. It could become an attractive nuisance. (It states that a landowner may be held liable for injuries to children trespassing on the land if the injury is caused by an object on the land that is likely to attract children.) So the beach must look closed if we choose to close the beach. No swim buoys, no trash barrels or picnic tables etc.

Laura Roberts - has concerns on escalating porta potty costs, not just at the beach but across the commissions properties as more are reopened. CPP are still quoting \$20 per day for cleaning, plus monthly rental = \$690 a unit per month.

Ed Sterling - Should we be considering any liability with Persons Park too.

Greg Kacbachinski - should we think to have two lifeguards during JUly and August. Consider Bolton residents only, checking DL for proof.

The commission discussed costs, possible systems to manage beach use, and felt more information and time was needed to make an achievable opening plan.

Decision to close the beach until further notice.

Opening plan to be discussed further at June 9th Meeting, as more information becomes more available with Phase II guidelines.

Motion Proposed by: Greg Kabachinski

Seconded by: Ed Sterling

Unanimous vote.

Action

Laura Roberts - Inform Linda Herbison of beach closure.

Linda Herbison - Remove swim buoys from water ASAP.

Lauren Cilley - Announce beach closure on Facebook.

Ali Webb - Invite representative from Bolton BOH and Nashoba ABOH to June 9th meeting.

Leslie Caisse - DPW to remove trash barrel.

Ed Sterling - to visit the beach and start closure. Place caution tape across the entrance.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 9th, 7:00 pm

Approved Meeting Minutes

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