



# Bolton Parks & Recreation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	September 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>Time/Location</b>	7:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting
<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Ed Sterling, Greg Kabachinski, Mary Miskin, Lauren LaRosa, Erika Mond & Lisa Shepple, coordinator
<b>Guests:</b>	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	October 11, 2022

### Agenda Items

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1.	Approve Minutes from August 9th, Meeting	Approved Unanimously
2.	<b>Discuss success of End of Summer event 8/28/22 at Town Common with Magician &amp; games</b> Magician was excellent. The right type of show for the young children and families present. Length of show was just right. Agreed we would hire him again if desired. Attendance at the event was excellent. There were over 100 people attended and weather was perfect as well.	
3.	<b>Vote &amp; plan all details for Halloween parade</b> Oct. 29 or 30 <sup>th</sup> rain date. Actual Halloween is 31 <sup>st</sup> on Monday. Parade planned from Town Common to Candy Lane, Emerson School driveway and continue to Sawyer and end at the back of FSS School then disperse. Lisa will contact Police Dept. to arrange parade traffic controls. Gather at 2:30, Parade start at 3:00. Wrap up activities at 430pm. Lisa will try to get an ice cream truck, and possibly get food trucks that do not charge if weather is looking good.	Approved Unanimously
4.	<b>Discuss/vote, new archery Spring/Summer program and purchase equipment</b> Lisa wanted to review the summer program to add some new offerings if possible. Ultimate Frisbee or Frisbee golf was discussed, and Greg suggested that Meadowbrook Farm in Sterling would be a place to view it and understand equipment needed. Pickleball was mentioned, but that is available at the old tennis courts at NRHS now. There's also Volleyball at Memorial Field could be offered. It is being played at Florence Sawyer.  Lisa said that a number of respondents on Facebook Community expressed an interest in archery. Ed is a USAA Certified Archery instructor and said he could set up an archery program, and train summer assistants to run an archery range. The hillside at Town Common leading to the upper pavilion would be a safe place to conduct archery under specific conditions of safety and control. The cost of equipment (to own) would be approximately \$3600. Ed will investigate several sources of equipment and will come back with a proposal. We may be able to rent equipment for a trial program before purchasing. Having a company come in to conduct lessons would be quite expensive.	Approved Unanimously, looking at cost next month to approve purchase

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<p>5. <b>Discuss next steps on natural playground at Town Common</b>  Don Lowe was upset that the installation did not match what the Select Board had seen in plans. He wanted it taken down until there is further approval and assurance of safety. Both items were taken down at his request. Parks and Recreation had a full truck load (9 Cu Yards) of soft mulch spread in the area to provide a soft base under the play equipment. Ed met with the Building Inspector, and Mr. Sauvageau said he is not qualified to judge the safety of such net for climbing. Lisa contacted the Town's insurance company, and they had no concerns based on the photos shown to them. Don Lowe wants some type of professional engineer (mechanical or structural) to pass judgment on a potential vertical installation. We would like to install a horizontal web as originally installed as well. Lisa has identified an appropriate web designed for children's play. Erika also reminded us that the plan from the Bolton Conservation Trust also included a slide against a small rise in the woods east of the main trail, and, an overhead "monkey bars" ladder. Ed specified the action items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lisa will seek an engineer's approval of the vertical net and installation plans</li> <li>2. Lisa will get written confirmation from the insurance company that they see no problem in the installation of the horizontal and vertical webs.</li> <li>3. A "master plan" for this children's play and exercise area will be created. A drawing will show the location of each item, for future discussion.</li> <li>4. After the above, Parks will meet with Select Board to discuss and seek approval.</li> <li>5. Pending approval, a "certified" horizontal play "spider web" designed for children will be found, and purchased by the Trust.</li> <li>6. A low-mounted thick rope, or slackline will be chosen and installed, being no more than one foot from the ground under a load.</li> <li>7. A log walk from fallen trees sitting on the edge of the Common will be relocated by the Tree Warden (who has agreed to do this), for children to balance on the horizontal logs. With available logs, a stepping game will be installed for children to step on cut sections, like "stepping stones" but using log sections.</li> <li>8. A short children's slide made of plastic will be installed on the small rise up from the parking lot, secured by natural materials like logs and stones, to keep it in place.</li> </ol> <p>A "monkey bar" horizontal ladder will be identified, made of wood or plastic, and installed at an appropriate location.</p>	<p>Continued to next month to gather more info</p>
<p>6. <b>Coordinator Report and New Business</b>  <b>Derby Field update</b>  Lisa has met with Don Lowe, Randy Heglin, Rebecca, and Rob from NRSD facilities to discuss the next steps with the rehabilitation of Derby Field by Sawyer School. \$50K was made available to the Town by Woods Partners for that project, to improve the condition for sports play such as field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse. A new well is proposed for irrigation, and soil tests will be done to understand what we are dealing with.</p> <p>7. Ed said that the Conservation Commission wants a hearing and a Chapter 91 form to be submitted to approve the dock at Persons Park beach. He said he has no idea of the age or stability of the dock, and recommends that the dock be removed (as DPW does each year in the Fall) and stored on top of the old rails in the vegetated area near the road, for the time being. The dock should not be reinstalled until a proper dock of known origin and quality is found to replace that one. There was no objection by the members.</p>	

	Meeting ended at 8:37 PM	
	Items for next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
7.	Next Meeting: October 11th, 2022, Tuesday, 7:00 pm	

Approved Meeting Minutes

Initials	ES	EM	GK	LL	MM
Commissioner	E. Sterling	E. Mond	G. Kabachinski	L. LaRosa	M. Miskin