

Parks and Recreation
December 16, 2019
Town Hall

Present: Doug Thornton, Steve Victorson, Joe Reynolds

Call to order 745

Meeting Minutes Approval - 11/04, 11/18/2019

Joe motioned that we approve the minutes from 11/4 and 11/18, Steve seconded. Passed 3-0.

BHRA - Holly Hatton & Pam Erdos

- Note the various race schedules
- Dock stored by the town dock. Will rebuild one of their dock sections prior to Spring rowing.
- Bob would like to get away from the wood. Will ask the town to buy a new section to the town dock and would like BHRA to consider buying a section.
- Spring Rowing - Can they leave the 8's dock in the water until May 30th? There is a national learn to row day on June 2 and would like to have a learn to row day on the 30th. Parking lot will be cleared and the dock will be removed that same day. They would not be using the dock during the week.
- Summer rowing as it was in the past.
- Would like to offer mini rowing classes for parents on the beach waiting for kids in lessons. Bob said that this request would have to go through the beach director. (Request 8 on their list)
- With Labor Day starting later this year can the dock be put into the water on the first Monday of September? Will then remove boats if Labor Day weekend is looking to be warm and busy. If the week is looking to be warm they would bring the boats in on the trailers.
- Joe commented that he would like to see that the rowing become more accessible and integrated with the beach. Bob explained the new civic rec. software, perhaps rowing could be added to the system.
- BHRA would like internet access and would offer to split the cost. Bob suggested getting a VPN. Joe asked that Mark come in with an official request so that we can decide on what is needed.

Public Communications

Dan Daley would like to know the status of the prioritizing policy that we voted to endorse. Joe asked what he would expect as a citizen. Should we have a document produced that prioritize how we spend? Joe discussed the field rating system and ranking needs. We have nothing to show specifically. Joe discussed the select board meeting and their requests for numbers. Bob asked whether or not they considered a fee structure that brought in more money for field usage. Dan asked about HYBSA's going to the school committee for work on the Ryan Land. Dan asked about a comment in the October 7 meeting minutes which stated a note regarding the title 9 statement in the notes.

Bob got an email from a nearby scout group (town of Northborough) that they wanted to use the pond and that as the Harbor Master he has no problem with their usage as it is a great pond. Parking would be the biggest issue. Steve will call and ask how many, the exact dates and time of day.

Program Updates

Fields and Commons

Permission to use a metal detector - The request is to search for ancient coins for a private collection. He will restore the grounds. Bob said that he do it in conjunction with the town and the school kids. Doug will tell him no as requested, but if he wanted to do it in conjunction with the town that we would consider a vote.

Spring planning - Joe wants feedback for the Spring plan. How do we approach the Spring planning as a board. Dan asked how much has the DPW done with the current plan. Dan asked what is happening with keeping people off of the fields. Bob explained that Civic rec. can be used to control field usage and the need for closing the fields. Joe would like the fines to be steep. How do we alert the public? Field closed signs. Bob stated that this can be solved with Civic Rec. The DPW can actually go into Civic Rec. and reserve a field for maintenance. The DPW is responsible for the field maintenance and they can do it all, now that they have the new tractor and all of the equipment. The DPW used to do all of the field maintenance and they recognize that field maintenance is their responsibility.

We discussed scheduling a quarterly, operational meeting with DPW and the town regarding maintenance.

Other projects - Bob wants to schedule time for Civic Rec training. Parks and Rec needs to come up with any changes in fee structure. Discussed setting up proper accounting such that the fees which are collected are not swept by the town. Need to confirm cancellation policies and fines for improper usage. Discussed keeping the current field usage fee structure through the end of the current fiscal year.

Beach Operations

- We need program dates from Allie. We also need to get Allie trained on Civic Rec.
- Discussed the Kiosk and what to do with some of the rotting racks.

Ski Club

- Discussed accounting and the number of participants

Budget Updates

- Michelle not present
- Discussed beach and field budgets and select board request for information.
- DPW does maintenance and we do upgrades, this is how things used to operate.
- Discussed request for additional funds.

Meeting scheduling for 2020

- Discussed new meeting nights, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and the need for a new member

Meeting adjourned - 10:35 PM.