

Harvard Parks and Recreation
Monday - March 18, 2019
Town Hall

Call to order: 7:33.

Present: Douglas Thornton, Bob O'Shea, Joseph Reynolds, Michelle Lauria, Steve Victorson.

Meeting Minutes Approval (3/4) - Doug Motioned to approve, Joe Reynolds seconded.
Approved 4-0. Bob abstained

Elm Commission - Bob Calderwood - Discussed Planting trees, location, type and size. Trees at maturity have a 50' canopy and will border the parking lot. Another tree is proposed on the slope, near the snack shack between the fields. Commission member(s) will go for a walk through prior to planting. Bob - asked whether or not the neighbors were aware of the plan. Doug asked about tree protection of the young trees with respect to errant soccer balls. Bob motioned that we approve the tree project as specified, but with final view of location, done by the field liaison prior to planting. Steve seconded.

Program Updates

Beach operations

Reported on meeting with town hall.

New Option - Different revolving fund. Does not sweep, but can build up a balance. Can build a buffer. Designed for parks and recreation commissions; Or we can continue with the town funding request for the safety staff or eliminate this request and raise fees.

Bob motioned that we raise the fees as specified and try the new fund for storing money as suggested by the new town accountant and revisit the warrant next year.

Boat Lottery - Requests are in and the requests are still short of the available spots.

Joe suggested that we allow for a family to buy more than one sticker. Discussed the downside of limited spots and potentially one family using multiple spots.

Bob discussed some of Allie's requests. Gave her the go-ahead to buy sand. Discussed the rental kiosk and the number of available boats. Will start with 10 Kayaks.

Discussed Unipay System and preference to pay online. If people pay at the beach, they pay 5 dollar processing fee.

Bob motioned that paying at the beach there should be a 5.00 convenience fee. Michelle seconded. Passed 4-1.

Steve questioned that the signage only says where you cannot park with a trailer. Suggested more signs telling people where they can park.

Fields and commons -

Harvard Ultimate - Don Phillips.

Still owes money for last Summer. Working on collecting past due funds now. Will use the online system to pay for last Summer and schedule for this year. Will know the schedule in April.

Subcommittee - Discussed the list of tasks that will be tackled by the committee members. Waiting for HAA to report back on lacrosse and soccer usage.

Pickleball line request - What colors should be used and which colors are the least obtrusive.

Doug motioned to approve that pickle ball lines be painted on one court, with the pickle ball group coordinating which court and all of the specifics with Dave, the athletic director. Passed 3-0. Bob and Steve abstained due to being too close to the argument.

Small Common - Bob has 3 quotes that he will present in two meetings.

Discussed the rink. The new patio design will not preclude having a rink for next year.

Joe needs the field lining protocol. Doug will contact the DPW person as Joe is having difficulty getting a response.

Public Communication - Ken brought up field safety questions and mentioned that larger fields will be required this year for girls lacrosse.

Budget Updates

Review current year budget

Review commoner assignments

Michelle will become the new finance person.

Event requests and new business

Next Meeting: April's Fool's Day

Motion to adjourn: 10:27 PM. Joe motioned. Michelle seconded.