

Parks and Recreation Commission
7:00 PM Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Groton Senior Center
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
7:01pm
- II. Roll Call
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, Jeff Zuliani, June Evered, Scott Peirce
Jon Grossman resigned from Commission
Staff: Mark Berry
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2017
Approved
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
None
- V. Town Council Referrals
None
- VI. Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Commissioners
June: There were nice comments about the Fall Festival.
- VII. Reports
 - A. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim
Mark shared the revenue was down 3K, Fiscal down 23K, due to 3 Rain dates on weekends and aerated course. Board had a preliminary discussion on setting rates for 2018. Todd presented history of course rates and information he had collected on rates at surrounding courses. Board will make a recommendation at the next meeting. Course inundated with coyotes.
 - B. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) – Scott
The Boating Advisory Board will continue. It is worthwhile for advocacy of boating. 25K needed for Spicer dock repair, at this time there is 14K. Jeff Zuliani requested more bids.

The 2018 meeting schedule is Feb. 22, May 25, and October 25. Officers elected Ms. Beth Robinson, Chair; Tom Tobin, Vice Chair; Kit Talbot, Secretary.
 - C. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June
No meeting
 - D. Athletic Fields
Director is working with Lacrosse Tournament organizers to locate alternate fields in case of bad weather. Looking at Claude Chester Field and Fitch Middle School.

E. Director of Parks & Recreation

Director reviewed the monthly report from the various divisions. Department staff has been working to revise marketing material to secure sponsors and advertisements for upcoming programs and events.

Bike Feasibility was presented to council.

Met with architect to review required changes in the Esker Point Beach Bathhouse to meet ADA requirements. Architect will submit a cost estimate to develop plans.

Senior Center applying for two grants to offer evidence based programs that focus on improving participant health and mobility. Staff will also be writing a grant to replace a van.

Parks staff has shifted into fall clean-up operations. Including leaf pick-up, maintenance on fields and checking trails for fallen trees.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Review of proposed sports tournament guidelines

Topic was tabled until next meeting.

IX. New Business

A. 2018 Meeting Schedule

It was decided the Commission would continue to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (no July meeting). The 2018 meeting dates are: Jan. 10; Feb. 14; Mar. 14; Apr. 11; May 9; June 13; Aug. 8; Sept. 12; Oct. 10; Nov. 14; and Dec. 12.

B. Tree Maintenance – Open Space/Parks

The Director updated the Commission on a request from an abutter to Spicer Park to remove some trees that the homeowner felt would potentially cause damage to his property if they were to fall down. The matter has been turned over to the Tree Warden. The Department does not have an established policy on tree maintenance for trees abutting private property.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature 

Date 12/13/17