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Park and Recreation Commission
October 11, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The Park and Recreation Commission came to order at 7:00pm for its meeting in the Senior Center on Tuesday October 11, 2016.

Members in attendance included: Shirley Canniff, Leslie Mayer, Don Vitters, Elena Bartholomew and Associate Members Crissy Tarantino and Peter Hedlund. Director of Recreation Jon Marshall was also present.

Approval of Minutes – The Commission reviewed the minutes of September 27, 2016. Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Vitters and approved 4-0.

Open Forum – N/A

Scannell Field Tree Planting - Mr. Marshall presented the DPW plans for the tree plantings at Scannell Field. The Commission discussed the proposed locations for the thirteen trees allotted to the location. Mr. Hedlund suggested that a representative from the Commission be on-site during the plantings so adjustments can be made if necessary based on Ms. Mayer and Ms. Bartholomew's insight that there may be too many trees for the space. Mr. Marshall will post plans to the public. Ms. Mayer inquired about the possibility of seeding the field in the spring. Ms. Bartholomew made a motion to approve the planting of the trees at Scannell Field with a Commission member in attendance, seconded by Mr. Vitters and approved 3-0.

Robbins Farm Project - Mr. Marshall stated that a contract will be procured to secure Weston and Sampson. The remaining four companies will be notified. An initial meeting will be setup to address the timeline and scope of the Robbins Farm Project. Mr. Hedlund will give input on a timeline for public meetings.

Reservoir Master Plan – Mr. Marshall stated that the preliminary application had been submitted. The application will be reviewed by the CPC and will be presented by Ms. Bartholomew to the Open Space Committee as well. Letters of support will support the full application in December. A meeting with the Conservation Commission will be set up to discuss the ecological assessments.

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Capital Updates

Magnolia Park Project – Mr. Hedlund attended the weekly construction meeting. The ellipse and under drainage are installed and the playground equipment has been delivered. After further discussion, it was advised by Sacca to substitute sloped asphalt edging in place of the planned concrete curb at the inside of the ellipse. This option will be a cost effective way to prevent the playground safety surface from spilling out onto the walkway, and will minimize impact on the existing trees. The Commission discussed the potential use of the salvaged boulders and the extension of the ornamental fencing along Herbert Street. Ms. Mayer made a motion to approve the substitution of asphalt edging for the concrete curb at the inside of the ellipse with the understanding that the additional funding will be used to potentially: install the boulders as per the original design, extend the ornamental fencing along Herbert Street, and place the boulders along the Thorndike Street barrier, seconded by Mr. Vitters, approved 3-0.

Mr. Marshall stated that a neighborhood resident has offered to donate her services to design signage for the park. The Commission will invite her to a future meeting to discuss ideas and fundraising with the Commission.

Buck Field Netting/Summer Street Field – Mr. Marshall stated that the Buck Field Netting installation would begin the week of October 17, 2016. The DPW is still discussing the work to be done on the Summer Street infield.

Florence and Lussiano Field ADA Improvements – Mr. Marshall has received the updated designs and will provide them for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

Recreation Topics

ADA – Ms. Mayer submitted a list of prioritized projects to Mr. Marshall. The Commission will review and redefine details and timeline at a future meeting.

Open Space – Ms. Bartholomew will share the Commissions CPA application at the next Open Space meeting.

Off-Leash Park and Program – Mr. Marshall has met with the Animal Control officer and will be requesting recent citation information.

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Funding – Mr. Vitters is reviewing the criteria for additional funding through Park Land Grants. He will present more information at the next Commission meeting.

Correspondence Received

The tree warden placed a call to Mr. Marshall regarding a dead white pine tree at the entrance to Waldo Street Park. Friends of Waldo Park will be notified that the DPW will be removing the tree.

Other –

Ms. Canniff stated that Ben Wall is actively seeking groups to form a neighborhood school based men's softball league.

Ms. Canniff stated that parents have approached her regarding consistent scheduling conflicts between the T-Ball program and ASC spring program. Ms. Bartholomew and Mr. Hedlund will look into the schedules and whether they can be adjusted so children can participate in both programs.

Ms. Bartholomew made a motion to adjourn at 9:35pm, seconded by Ms. Mayer and approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Healy

Next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2016