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The Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its meeting at the Senior Center on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:04pm.

Members in attendance : Shirley Canniff, Jen Rothenberg, Leslie Mayer, and Don Vitters. Director of Recreation Jon Marshall was also present.

Members of the Public : Nat Strosberg, Senior Planner with the Town of Arlington

Open Forum – None

Bike Share Program– Mr. Strosberg presented information about the Pilot program the Town of Arlington will be running with a dockless bike share program. There are 13 surrounding communities that will also be participating in this program and those communities are working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Bikes will be at hot spots throughout the town, riders can pay for and access a bike through an app. It was requested that Hurd Field be used as an area. Commissioners expressed concerns with the location siting potential for vandalism, athletic use at the field, concerns for usage of helmets and commuters using the parking lot for parking. It was also noted that 2 businesses would be operating the bike program and it is the understanding of commission members that commercial use is not allowed at the parks due to the open space district zoning bylaws. The request to use Hurd was not supported at this time. Mr. Marshall will follow up with Mr. Strosberg and Town Council to address the questions and report back to the commission. The discussion will be reviewed when more information is available.

Vice Chair– Don Vitters was nominated as the Vice Chair of the Commission. Don was appointed Vice Chair by a 4-0 vote.

Park Policy– The Commission continued its discussion on Park Policy. Mr. Marshall will refine the Chart that was presented to reflect Adult Sports Groups, Filming Use, and Individual use. The conversation around fees charged at parks was discussed reviewing different scenarios that have come up/could possibly come up at the parks. It was discussed that based on the categories, 501@3, Friends Groups, Youth Organizations and PTOs could charge for activities that take place at the park to (1) recover the cost for the event they are running or (2) to fundraise. Businesses would not be allowed to sell items at the parks, even at a fundraising event. These requests would require a special permit that would be reviewed by the commission. Questions were raised about liability and insurance. Mr. Marshall will review with Town Counsel.

Approval of Minutes – May 1 – Minutes were tabled until next meeting. Mr. Marshall will review and send out updated minutes to be voted on at next meeting.

Indoor Feasibility Study– Mr. Marshall informed the commissioners that Town Meeting Supported a capital request for studying indoor space. The three areas that will be looked at are a Pool, Indoor programming space and indoor school administration space. Mr. Marshall will provide information at the next meeting on scope of work for the indoor programming and gym space portion.

Capital Projects –

Robbins Farm Park– Mr. Marshall updated the commission on the communication with the public on the status of the project. Mr. Marshall has communicated with the Friends of Robbins Farm Park and posted signs at the park. Mr. Marshall will look to get information out through social media and the town channels in the next couple of weeks.

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Reservoir Master Plan – Mr. Marshall update the commission on the current status. The working group will be meeting on May 23rd to review the plan. It has been reviewed in sections, but this will be an opportunity to review in its entirety. There are still some questions the working group has on funding and grants for future phases that will be reviewed at the working group meeting. Once the working group has reviewed and update the consultants, a draft master plan will be made available to the Recreation and Parks Commission for review and input.

The commission also discussed selecting Weston and Sampson for the design and engineering work for Phase I. Ms. Mayer made a motion to select Weston and Sampson, Seconded by Mr. Vitters. Approved 4-0

Spy Pond – Mr. Marshall presented an update of the trail and dock drawings from Hatch Chester. In order to achieve the correct slope to meet ADA standards the trail for the path needs to start up close to the parking lot. Some events may have to shift the way they have been set up in the past to account for this adjustment, but appears to be the most feasible location based on cost and congestion in the park. Hatch Chester should have initial cost numbers soon so that the crew team can begin fundraising efforts.

Wellington/Mill Brook – Mr. Vitters updated the commission on information he recently received on an initial concept of the work at the brook and the park. Mr. Vitters showed some of the concepts that were being looked at and reviewed by the working group. Commissioners had questions regarding any impacts to the ropes course and had concerns about the lack of playground elements. There is a public meeting scheduled for June 6th 6:00pm at the Senior Center.

Special Event Request, Black Crow Yoga – The request was for 2 free yoga classes. One on 7/15 and one on 8/19. Ms. Mayer made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Rothenberg. Approve 4-0

Special Event Request, Friend of Spy Pond Park – Mr. Marshall reviewed the request. It was noted there were a few additional activities from the previous year. Ms. Rothenberg made a motion to approve, waiving the fee, seconded by Ms. Mayer. Approve 4-0.

Ms. Rothenberg motioned to adjourn at 9:25pm, seconded by Mr. Vitters. 4-0

Respectfully submitted by Jon Marshall

Next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2018.