

ARLINGTON PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES

Approved
6/28/2022

The Town of Arlington Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its online virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Commission Members: Leslie Mayer, Jen Rothenberg, Shirley Canniff, Sara Carrier, Josh Fenollosa, and Scott Walker. Recreation Director Joe Connelly was also present. Conservation Commission Liaison Kathy Garnett was also present.

Anticipated Speakers: Lauren Nelson

Preliminary Matter: Scott Walker, Park & Recreation Vice Commission Chair, took formal attendance via a roll call and read a statement pertaining to Governor Baker's Public Meeting Law change due to COVID-19 regarding virtual meetings. Meeting business ground rules and procedures were also covered by Mr. Walker.

Open Forum: N/A

Community Garden Proposal McClennen Park

Ms. Nelson reviewed the proposal for McClennen with the Commission. Mr. Connelly also shared the screen with the recommended location and discussed the benefits of this location. The Commissioners discussed concerns as follows:

Ms. Mayer – Use issues with land agreement, disturbances to the cap, and driving on the path. Also that a second dog park location was also discussed at McClennen,

Ms. Rothenberg – Parking would be an issue and distance from parking lot

Ms. Canniff – Concerned with vandalism and neighbor impact

Ms. Garnet – Need to look at Active Use Limitations for the property

Mr. Walker – Discussed looking at other locations

Mr. Connelly stated that this would be a pilot program and that he would put a working group together to look at several locations and then represent to the Commission. Ms. Mayer suggested that Rindge Park be included in the evaluation.

The Commission thanked Ms. Nelson and the rest of the garden community who attended.

Parallel Park Discussion with DCP

Mr. Connelly reviewed his discussion with the DCR concerning Parallel Park. Mr. Connelly reviewed the lease with the Commission from DCR regarding the property. Mr. Connelly and the Commission were both surprised about the DCR ownership which was discovered only a short time ago.

Mr. Connelly stated that DCR offered to assist financially with the purchasing of some needed equipment and that the Town of Arlington would offer some man hours for the needed improvements. Some of the improvements will be temporary as a more permanent design and equipment are decided upon with in a future renovation project.

The Commission expressed concern for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a park that was not technically owned by the Town. Ms. Mayer wants to make sure any improvements and maintenance are equitable with other park improvements and maintenance practices.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of 5/10/2022 and 4/12/2022 were tabled. The minutes of 6/14/2022 were approved on a motion by Ms. Mayer, seconded by Ms. Canniff and approved 3-0-1 with Mr. Walker abstaining.

Special Event Approval

Spy Pond Fun Day – 9/24/2022

Mr. Connelly expressed concern with the playground renovation and suggested that only the Linwood side of the park be permitted. Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the request on the Linwood side of the park with the exact location to be approved by Mr. Connelly as the date approached. Seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 4-0/

Comments and Items for Future Meeting – The Bicycle Advisory Committee will be discussing the bikes on path issue with the Commission at the July 12th meeting

Correspondence Received

The Commission reviewed the correspondence received.

Ms. Mayer made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm, seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved by roll call vote 4-0.

The Arlington Park & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes were respectfully submitted by Joseph Connelly.