

PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2019 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

PADDY NEILSON, Co-CHAIRMAN
Toinette Neilson, Co-Chairman
Eric Schott
Laura Miller
Dominique Boddorff
Absent:
Audrey Reith

STAFF PRESENT:

SHANE KINSEY, PUBLIC WORKS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

AGENDA: Adopted

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Kelsey Boyd, Natural Lands

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

Park Report

Shane reported the completion of the park bridge with the new deck material, and manual cleanup of invasives along the bank. Pond permits are now underway to repair the overflow pipe issue, and hopefully by July the pipe will be replaced. The pond will be drained eight feet, and will be an in-house project. There is a spot above the springhouse which needs two drains which will be taken care of also, to keep water off the trail.

The garden beds and the playground will be mulched.

The restrooms and the doors will be painted.

The Fire Marshall worked with the Lions Club, and an AED Station will be installed outside the comfort station on the wall with an alarm, and the BOS approved a Lions Club sign along State Rd. There will be some public training sometime in the future. This will be there in the summer months only as the battery can't stay charged in the cold.

The Board entered into an agreement with a boy scout who will be making some signs as a project which Shane is providing.

The BOS would like a "10th Anniversary" banner to go up at some point this year, and be up for a significant amount of time.

The paving trail grant for Wickerton for \$9,800 has unofficial approval and the paving will be done in-house with the new paver.

No issues in the dog park. Seeding will happen, as in previous years, one side at a time, with a brief closing of alternate sides.

Old Business

1. Dog Disposal Bags- Dominique updated the committee on a bio-degradable disposal bag, which costs more than the ones (not bio-degradable) we have now. Shane suggested moving forward by getting funds for the new bags into the 2020 park budget.
2. Feb. meeting with BOS- We discussed what each of us took away from the evening.
3. Tree project update- Laura briefly talked about the volunteer effort on Feb. 20th. We cleaned all the wires and weeds away from the trees around the pond, and picked up branches. Two volunteers gave us their emails and offered to help in the future.
4. Prioritize list for grant application – The board moved this to our next meeting.

New Business

1. Kelsey Boyd from Natural Lands brought a map to show the 40 acres of our 120 acre Goddard Park which are eased with the Natural Lands. She guided us through the Conservation Easement papers, and passed out photos from our park, with suggestions on how to improve the stream banks and meadows. The recommended buffer zone on each side of a stream is now 100', with native plants or meadows protecting the stream banks to improve the water quality. There are grants for municipalities who ask for assistance in planning for improving water quality until 2021.

We discussed our 10th anniversary, and what we might do to celebrate. A Saturday in September/ October, with a non-competitive walk/ run around the entire park path system with refreshments, ice cream, and T shirts seemed to be a viable idea to build on. We will discuss further.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Next month's meeting will be April 17th at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Toinette Neilson