



Boylston Parks  
and Recreation

## **Boylston Parks and Recreation Commission**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2021

Time: 6:32 PM – 7:18 PM

Members Present: Chair Eric Hoffses, Committee members Alison LeBlanc, Claudine Underwood, Arielle Strzelewicz, Steven Nason, and Crystal Daher

The meeting commenced at 6:32 PM.

### **Approve meeting minutes**

Claudine makes a motion to approve the June 1st and June 9th meeting minutes, Ali seconds, Eric: yes, Ali: Yes, Arielle: Yes Claudine: Yes, Steven: no answer. The motion is passed

### **Grant application update**

Eric gives an update on the grant application status. The grant was submitted by Paul. Now we wait to hear from the commonwealth to see if the grant is approved. Steven mentions that we are approved that the area is not an archeological site. Eric states Parks and Recreation received a \$500 bill for the land appraisal of Camp Harrington. Crystal asks if there was a previous appraisal. Eric states there was but it was outside of the 90-day window. Eric asks what budget should be utilized to pay the bill. Ali suggests using the gift fund if the funds are available.

### **Center Courts**

Eric tells the board of the Pickleball court painted by Mark Anttilla and that the pickleball dates/times in town have been added to a website to bring more players to town. Eric mentions some repairs that are needed such as the damaged basketball hoop poles. Steven states he spoke to a few welders and the cost to do the repairs will be between \$30-80 and he will ask them for quotes for the work. Claudine states that if there is any warranty repairing on the hoops that the Fuller Foundation should have given Parks & Rec. the paperwork in the past, but the warranty may be expired. Crystal will see if the paperwork can be located. Ali suggests having the hoops welded so they are no longer adjustable so further damage does not occur. Ali suggests installing a lower hoop for younger children in the future. Crystal states that installing new hoops would require new paving of the court. Crystal states that the 10-spin needs repairs, it is not functioning properly and is out of warranty. Ali suggests hiring an as-needed handy-person for projects that we are not able to obtain volunteers for. Running the department solely on volunteers is not feasible. Arielle suggests reaching out to NHS for volunteers. Crystal suggests any safety issues be taken care of by a hired professional. Claudine clarifies that

board members may not be hired to do the work needed. Arielle will contact Crystal with some suggestions of people who may be available to hire for the projects on an as-needed basis. Steven states he believes the bolts are stripped on the 10-spin. Claudine asks if a vote is needed to hire someone. Ali states it falls under Crystals per-view, as she hires people for programs, etc. If needed it will be brought to the fall town meeting to hire someone for Parks and Rec. maintenance. Eric asks everyone to bring a list of items they need repair or work to the next meeting so we have an idea of what needs to be done.

### **Coordinator update**

Crystal updates the committee on the schedule of events for Family Movie Night. Steve states he contacted the Sheriff's office to bring the mobile command unit to the event. Crystal will reach out to the Sheriff's office. She updates the committee on the repair to the irrigation system timer. Wilde Irrigation came out to reset the timer, the system was still watering off schedule so Crystal researched and was able to fix the issue. She also updates on current and upcoming programs and the potential of ordering a portable, ADA-accessible gaga pit. Claudine asks about the possibility of bringing the Music Together program to town and using the Town House to host it. Claudine will ask if an extension of using the Town House free of charge be added to the Selectmen's meeting agenda. The committee discusses a department credit card or other options of ordering supplies besides Amazon. Eric asks for an email to the town account is sent for resolution ideas.

### **Budget Update**

Budget has been reset for the fiscal year

Steven makes a motion to close the meeting at 7:18 pm, Arielle seconds, all in favor. Eric: yes, Ali: Yes, Steve: Yes, Claudine: Yes. Arielle: Yes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Crystal Daher  
Boylston Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator