

## **Boylston Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Date October 6, 2020

Present: Eric Hoffses, Claudine Underwood, Arielle Strelewitz, Ali LeBlanc, Ethan Turnquist

Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM. Eric invites Ethan Turnquist, Eagle Scout Candidate, to explain his request to the board. Ethan describes the maintenance, upgrades, and new features he intends to add to a previously-neglected section of the high-use Hillside trails. The board agrees that it would be a great benefit to the town and local residents. Claudine moves to grant Ethan Turnquist an amount not to exceed \$400 for the renovation of the Hillside trail loop from the P&R trail maintenance funds upon completion of the upgrades. Ali seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Eric reads to the board from the Coordinator Report for the month of September the following update - Crystal cut the chain attaching the trash bins to the fence at Manor Park. Irrigation system winterization for Hillside Field and Manor Park is scheduled for November 3rd, 2020. The porta-potties are scheduled to be picked up from Center Court and Hillside Field between October 30, 2020- November 2, 2020. Crystal reached out to Boy Scout Troop 227 to assemble the ADA picnic table at center court and is waiting to hear back on a date when the scouts can complete this task. A virtual Halloween contest has been set-up and shared online. Participants are encouraged to email a photo or video of their costume to be shared on social media. A winner will be chosen and awarded a \$25 gift card.

Ali mentions the lights at the Center Court basketball need to be illuminated until 8 pm until the season is over. Eric will check in with Crystal.

Claudine mentions that she has partnered with Crystal in the creation of a town-wide costume contest (virtual/online).

Eric says that town resident Danielle Blanchard has been cleaning trash and emptying barrels from the park at the Manor Ballfield, basketball, and skate courts. The board is grateful for her efforts on behalf of the residents who enjoy that park.

Eric gave an update on the proposed collaboration with GWLT regarding the field at the YMCA property. The board is informed there are several key differences between the previously rejected offer and the current offer on the table. 1. The parcel of land is smaller and has no outbuildings or bathrooms 2. The land trust will hold the deed 3. The land trust has not required that the town create a fundraising group for the maintenance of the parcel. Eric suggests a meeting with the LaCrosse president so that their team could be apprised of the possibility of creating a dedicated field in that area. He will schedule a special open meeting in 2 weeks to open the discussion.

Arielle moves to draw the meeting to a close at 6:50. Claudine seconds, all members approve and the meeting is closed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alison LeBlanc- committee member