



Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: Tuesday September 3rd, 2019

Location: Nicholas Ward Meeting Room, 221 Main Street, Boylston MA)

Time: 6:30pm – 7:33pm

Members Present: Eric Hoffses, Drew LeBlanc, Claudine Underwood, Ali LeBlanc Board Members, Crystal Byron, Coordinator, Christi Stille and Jack Stille, residents.

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Review and vote to approve minutes from meetings held on 6th August 2019

Claudine motions to accept minutes 8-6-19 Eric seconds. Drew, Ali - all in favor.

Eagle Scout Project (Hillside Trails – Jack Stilles)

Jack Stilles presented the three main objectives achieved with his Eagle Scout project to the board.

1. Trail head signs and blazes were installed.
2. Gravel installation on low-lying areas for drainage
3. Old fitness course was removed

Jack received help and/or donations from Voss Signs, Connor Signs, Boylston DPW, and 13 various companies around Boylston and help from volunteer scouts from Troop 227. Work commenced on July 21, and was completed on August 10, 2019. Trail blazes were added, trail signs were installed, and the paths were cleared of debris. Eric asks for project pictures and Ali asks for names of supporting companies for a press release. Jack will follow up with Crystal to provide her with project photos. Extra monies to be put into a trail fund for future trail upkeep. Drew suggests that Jack follow up with town administrator to donate the remainder of the funds raised. Christi suggests a “friends of trails group” would be helpful to maintain the trail. She will ask her associates and friends if they are interested in participating. Ali would like to purchase dog waste dispensers for the trails and a yearly maintenance crew with the remaining funds. The board thanks Jack and Troop 227 for their hard work.

Hillside Soccer Fields

Eric states fields are not being watered, the pump is currently shut off, a note from water department is taped on the top of the pump stating it is not to be used. A possible lightning strike

damaged the pump. Drew states he requested a copy of the water bill that was sent to soccer, since minimum charges are showing on the water bill since April 2019. This indicates the fields have not been watered this season. Ali states that a message was received in June from Dan Benway of the irrigation company indicating that the water was turned on and all was working well. Board requests Crystal make calls to local irrigation companies to get the system serviced immediately.

Coordinator Report

Eric states he has received good feedback about the Kindness Rocks Painting half-day drop in program being offered at the Parks & Recreation office. Christi Stilles suggests that Crystal should reach out to principal Tucceri at Tahanto regarding after school programing options. Claudine suggests that Crystal should contact the Town House Committee for use of that space for Parks & Recreation programing.

Center Court

Drew updates the board that he playground equipment installation is complete. Ali created thank you cards for various volunteers and they were signed by the Parks & Recreation Board, Crystal will be mailing the cards. Eric mentions that he next step is obtaining landscaping quotes. Crystal will ask for budget update from accounting, gather quotes for landscape work, including fence post removal, stump and weed removal, grading and loam, and grass seeding. Crystal suggests goats for the removal of poison ivy, she will obtain quotes from local landscaping companies. Eric and Drew note one stump not completely ground Crystal will follow up with Tree Tech. Ali would like a minimum of three quotes for the remainder of the landscaping. Crystal will reach out to other local Park and Rec coordinators for names of sign companies for playground equipment placards. Crystal will ask Karen Barber for advice on bench company. Christi Stilles gives a description of the history of the land at Center Court. She mentions the Fuller family was involved at some time historically. Board agrees to follow up with select board and registry of deeds to determine whether a historic or memorial name for the playground would be appropriate.

Ali leaves the meeting for a prior commitment.

The Town administrator would like the Parks & Recreation Board to present a brief update of the Center Court park plans and use of park funding to the select board. Claudine volunteers to present. The board will pen a letter detailing the plans and accomplishments thus far. Drew discussed playground updates with Claudine for Board of Selectmen Meeting, such as: fencing,

installation of a lighting on a timer, installing a bike rack, ADA picnic table, benches, ADA walkway, and the future possibility for a tennis court.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Crystal Byron