

Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
March 18, 2021
Via Zoom

Call to order: 6:02 p.m.
A quorum was present

Link to meeting recording
https://us02web.zoom.us/recording/detail?meeting_id=twkmlzK9T%2BaGtuoFoZqJSg%3D%3D

In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Matthew Ellsworth, Paul Swindlehurst, Charles Griffin (joining late)

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Kim Rock, Anita Greenwood, James Jones, Rob Trachman

Motion to accept January 2021 meeting minutes as written by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. Roll call vote, 3Y

Motion to accept February 2021 meeting minutes as written by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. Roll call vote, 3Y

Motion to accept late file items by Commission Turner, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. Roll call vote, 3Y

NEW BUSINESS

Support-a-Spot site plan approval for Pete Kelly memorial

Motion to approve memorial monument, bench and landscaped area in honor of Pete Kelly as part of the Support-a-Spot program on the Clipper City Rail Trail at the intersection with State Street by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. Roll call vote, 4 Y.

COVID-19 permit fee waiver extension through 10-31-2021

Motion to approve COVID-19 fee waiver extension through August 31, 2021 by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Roll call vote, 4Y.

Signage

Additional off leash signage at Moseley Woods, all parks

There was some confusion about where the official off-leash area is located at Moseley Woods, i.e. whether it includes the lawn. **Motion to table pending further consideration-site walk at Moseley Woods by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Roll call vote, 4Y.**

Track closure signage

Commissioners discussed signage to indicate when track is closed to general public for use by organized sports. Commissioner Turner indicated that she would like signage to include notice about “No Dogs, No Strollers, No Bikes.” Motion to approve signage for Bradley Fuller Park track facility that would include an open and closed indicator and prohibiting strollers bikes and dogs by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. Roll call vote, 4Y.

Pickleball

Anita Greenwood presented the Pickleball committee’s site search findings, saying the two with the highest potential are Lower Atkinson and Atkinson Tennis Courts.

Motion to approve pickleball striping at Cashman tennis courts by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Roll call vote. 4 yes. Motion passes.

Washington Park

Commissioners discussed mater plan level and maintenance needs at Washington Park including resurfacing walkways, pruning and removing trees, augmenting plantings around Washington statue.

Motion to transplant Kousa dogwood to Atkinson Common by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Roll call vote, 4Y.

Adjourned 7:44 p.m.