

Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission 19 March 2015

Call to order at 7:03 p.m.

A quorum was present.

In attendance: Steve Sawyer, Kim Turner, Ann Lagasse, Karen Popken

Also in attendance: Lisë Reid, Ed Taylor, Larry Guinta, Elizabeth Petty, Ari Herzog

Review of meeting minutes

Commissioners reviewed January 2015 minutes. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

BUDGET EXPENDITURES REVIEW

Commissioners reviewed the current budget report and approved bills payable for the January 1 and January 15 warrants.

NEW BUSINESS

Issues

Tree Commission

Tree Commissioner Ed Taylor and Parks Commissioners discussed trees that need to be replaced, the need to keep track of trees that are lost, and the potential for planting trees at Atwood. Tree Commissioners will follow up with the Parks Director on tree related issues.

Support-a-Spot Policy Review

Motion to approve Support-a-Spot Policy as amended by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Towle Project

Commissioners discussed construction of a restroom and/or utility-classroom structure at Cashman. They advised the Parks Director that they would like, at a minimum, storage and bathrooms on one level, with a second story for classrooms if there is interest from a lessee. They also asked if First Republic would provide maintenance for the facility or provide an annual gift to the Newburyport Parks Conservancy to support maintenance.

Misting Tent Installation at Cashman Park

Motion to deny temporary installation of misting tent at Cashman Park by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Review of Repair Needs

Commissioners reviewed need to fund netting at Cashman Ball Field for \$9,995. Commissioner Turner asked for an estimate of annual maintenance costs of the netting.

Increased Pet Waste Management

Motion to allow Doody Calls to park a vehicle overnight at Moseley Woods Park and/or Cashman Park in exchange for increased pet waste management service by Commissioner Lagasse, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Bollard Removal on Clipper City Rail Trail

When asked if the bollards block vehicular traffic from entering the Rail Trail could be permanently removed, commissioners advised Director Reid to try out bollard removal for a year.

PARKS DIRECTOR UPDATES

Current Projects

Training Request

Director Reid requested funding for outdoor leadership training. Commissioners advised her to seek private funding, potentially from Richey Woodworking.

Director Reid gave project updates on Atwood Park, Inn Street, Joppa Park, Frog Pond Restoration, field space projects, Cushing Park, and the Clipper City Rail Trail tenth-mile marker program.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.