

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
20 August 2015**

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

A quorum was present.

In attendance: Steve Sawyer, Karen Popken, Ann Lagasse

Also in attendance: Lisë Reid, see attached sign in sheet for complete attendance record.

NEW BUSINESS*Meeting Minutes*

Motion to approve June 2015 meeting minutes by Commissioner Lagasse, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Issues*Ocean Pure Water System (OPWS)*

Casey Glynn gave a presentation of the Ocean Pure Water System utilizing reverse osmosis and UV light. He estimated the cost approximately as follows:

- \$1.50 per daily gallon flow rate
- 5,000 gpd units cost \$7,500
- Frog Pond would require about 5 units

He said filters last six to 12 months and that those membranes normally cost \$300 to \$500, but his company would take care of that cost. He recommended doing a demonstration on a small portion of the Frog Pond. **Motion to approve OPWS demonstration at Frog Pond by Commissioner Lagasse, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Atwood Park Improvement

Commissioners surveyed meeting attendees to identify resident preferences for how to proceed with improving the former tennis court. Four raised hands for some type of hard surface; two wanted tennis; five wanted pickle ball; three preferred asphalt; two wanted green space. There was a suggestion to limit dog use of park and another request to put a dog bag dispenser at Atwood Street side of park. One neighbor asked that the walkways be improved. There was a request for lighting in the park. A resident notified commissioners of a street lamp out.

Commissioners recommended an online survey to gauge public preference for the future of the former tennis court site.

Woodman Park Project

Commissioners considered an eagle scout project proposal to move the dangerous brick pathway at Woodman Park to create a brick patio with seating. **Motion to approve that Harrison Kaplan proceed with project design for submission to Parks Commission by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Cushing Park

Commissioners reviewed a proposal to paint the asphalt lot at Cushing Park. They asked that the proposer submit a sketch for further review.

Morrill Recommendations

Commissioners reviewed and made amendments to the Morrill grant award recommendations for 2016. **Motion to approve The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation grant award recommendations as amended by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Permitting

Fuel half marathon and 5K race. Commissioners asked for a better map to be submitted with the permit application for future review.

Greater Newbury Ovarian Cancer Awareness run/walk – Commissioners approved the permit with the following stipulations adding that these stipulations be required of all such events on the Clipper City Rail Trail:

- No physical barricades
- No structural impediments
- Allow public to access the trail during event

Football at Perkins Park - Commissioners considered an application to use Perkins outfield for flag football practice. They advised to allow it on a pilot basis to see whether or not the activity causes undue damage or wear and tear to the field. **Motion to allow youth flag football activities on Perkins Ball Field on a pilot basis by Commissioner Lagasse, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

GeoCache Site at Joppa Park

Commissioners considered an application to use Joppa Park as a location in a new GeoCache hunt. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Lagasse, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned 9:04 p.m.