

Meeting minutes of the Hanover Parks & Recreation Committee held on Zoom on September 9, 2021

Present were Board Members Bevin Gray, Jeff Poirier, John O'Connor, Jennie Beliveau, Adam Hill and Amanda Kunevich

Also present Victor Diniak, Kurt Kelley, Stephen McNamara, Tammy Murray, Lauren Rodday, Alan Peterson, Joe Colangelo and 508-331-1400 (Steve Louko)

Having a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

New Business:

Meeting Minutes: Adam moved to accept the Meeting Minutes from May and August. John seconds; so voted unanimously.

Fields: All are in agreement that the Town Fields need attention and although the DPW does a great job they still need work.

Jeff will put together a fresh MOU based on June agreement between Town Manager and HYAA so everyone is on the same page for the October meeting. The agreement is the continuation of the MOU and HYAA is also paying for the security cameras at Forge Pond Park.

DPW explain how programs have grown and seasons are longer and how maintenance is done and why hiring out isn't an affordable or feasible option as overhead is expensive (ex. we had a very wet summer and mowing was needed two times a week. Victor suggests Committee members participate in Advisory Committee Meeting in February to support the DPW budget.

Alan presents list of current needs based on his assessment. Choices have to be made on what can and should be done based on his findings.

Residents are looking for improvements on playgrounds and basketball courts and making B. Everett Hall Field more of a destination. The DPW expresses that there is a huge trash problem at B. Everett Hall Field and although there are barrels throughout a Facilities janitor has to go daily to clean up.

The Committee will be identifying parks that are more important than others and will communicate with the DPW.

Capital Plan: Items to be submitted are Repurposing Gallant Field, B. Everett Hall Field Improvements, Forge Pond Park Lights and Forge Pond Park Playground.

Sponsorship and Dedication Policy: Committee feels they should use the same language/policy the Building Department uses for signs. Fees must be approved by Town Meeting. Conversation started about sign approval process.

Bake Sales and Lemonade Stands: No individual food or drink sales unless it is an organization. The organization can then inquire more information from BOH.

Lights at Forge Pond Park: Adam requests guidance from Victor on how the Committee needs to proceed. Victor suggests talking to neighbors (need to address concerns before starting permit process), creating a plan for ZBA before getting too far, the Committee should meet with the Town Planner to learn what is required for the ZBA application and talk to the Police Department about night traffic concerns. Once the Committee knows what is required from ZBA and how all parties feel they can proceed from there.

Adam motions to support an engineer design/plan including the impact on neighbors, photometrics and any proposal to ZBA or CPC for funding of the light project at Forge Pond Park. Jeff seconds; so voted unanimously.

Miscellaneous: Build the Board Hockey Rink is complete. Grand Opening will be on September 14th at 4pm.

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Committee has established five top priorities to focus on: develop a mission statement, iron out MOU, establish the accounts the Committee has control over, prioritize fields, any new business. Bevin and Jeff will work on MOU. Jennie, Amanda and Adam will work on a mission statement. Jeff will work on Financials.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, October 14th at 6:45pm.

Amanda moved to adjourn Adam seconds; so voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.