



Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes February 24, 2020

Present: Doug Carson, Sarah Chester, Chris Fasciano, Margit Griffith, John MacLachlan, Ani Spieth (minutes)

Decisions:

Codman Pool Discussion: After a meeting between Parks & Rec staff and landscape architect Jennifer Brooks, the committee discussed components of the plan to improve the Codman Pool. The committee discussed and prioritized elements that could be handled independently by Parks & Rec versus via request for funds from the Codman Trust (for improvement to pool). Dan will continue with proposal of select items to Codman Trust.

Facilities:

Irrigation Update: Parks & Rec will present to School Administration regarding Codman Irrigation System Update. Presentation is currently set for March 12.

Mowing Contract: Parks & Rec does not need to bid for mowing services this year given we are on last year of existing contract.

Codman Pool: Metro Sign & Awning has surveyed for new signage, and is targeting install in early spring. Carpenters have been engaged to perform modest renovations on guard gate shack. Additional improvements to guard gate shack such as a new fridge are also planned.

Programming:

Programming attendance numbers have been good overall. There is growing demand for pickle-ball offerings. STEM programs and musical theater have also grown.

Tri-town Youth Basketball: Tri-town youth basketball has ended with another smooth, successful season. End of season meeting for tri-town basketball will be at 7 pm on March 25, 2020.

Codman Pool Hiring: Codman Pool staff interviews are nearly complete. Staff orientation dates for pool and camp staff are planned for May and June.

Summer Camp: Registration is open and enrollment numbers will be reported at the March Parks & Rec Committee meeting.

Spring/Summer Programming Brochure: Final brochure edits were made with plans to send by mail first week of March.

Winter Carnival: Winter Carnival was a success despite certain cancellations due to widespread winter illness. After the rescheduled events (set for end of February) Parks & Rec will complete fulsome review.

Finances:

Current Parks & Rec expenses are roughly in line with previous years. Department turnover sheets were signed.

Committee Member Updates:

- Doug Carson (BPAC): BPAC has done further planning work on e-bike demonstration, which is planned for a Sunday in either May or June. Doug intends to continue as BPAC liaison to Parks & Rec after his term with Parks & Rec ends.
- Chris Fasciano (School Building Committee): Reported on value engineering of School Building Committee project.
- John MacLachlan (CPC): nothing to report.
- Rob Stringer has pulled papers to run for open Parks & Rec elected seat. He is currently only person on ballot.

Open Committee Comment:

DeCordova: Sarah Chester reported meeting with DeCordova community outreach and programming staff who is interested in working to coordinate scheduling with COA and Parks & Rec to maximize attendance and broaden offerings. Sarah will have a follow-up meeting with DeCordova team to discuss next steps and future opportunities.

New Event Idea: Sarah Chester suggested an idea for all-ages/abilities map-reading event (orienteering, cartography, letterboxing, geocaching, military map-reading, etc.), possibly in coordination with LLCT. Follow-up sub-meeting regarding this event and/or other new events will be planned.

Continuing Ed.: Dan Pereira is considering applying for a management training program beginning Sept. 2020.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the January 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted
AMCS