



## OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission meeting  
Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.  
Jacobi Community Center Dining Room  
LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Derek Norcross. Present: Linda Rice-Collins, Matt Martin, Karin Ernst, Rosanna Ferrante, Peter James and Jaime Bloch. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

### **Appearances**

Four members of the junior and senior classes at MHS requested the use of Usher's field at Devereux Beach from April 30th till May 8th for the annual Carnival. Proceeds will be split among all classes at the high school.

Steve Cooper and other supporters of the Dog Park met with the Commission to discuss better access to the park for bringing in supplies to fix and improve the facility. At this time supplies have to be brought in by wheelbarrow load. The Commission will assist in finding out when better access will be available. A proposal to put fund raising signs on the dog park fence would have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Steve also requested a bench to honor Dave Cameron some time in the future. Also present was Katie Jenkins, who is planning improving the dog park facility as her Eagle Scout project.

### **New Business**

Derek, Peter and Jaime met with Thatcher Kezer and COA members to establish a working group. Peter presented the budget to the Finance Committee. He was asked for a possible 4% reduction, depending on the fate of the overrides. One pickle ball court at the Vet's is damaged and unplayable. The School Department Head of Facilities will be advised as the School Department "owns" these courts.

### **Recreation**

Jaime reported that hiring for the summer is going well. The Daddy/Daughter dance is March 24, and will have cupcake decorating. The egg drop challenge will be on April 2. On Wednesday, March 15 at 11a.m. kayak rack renewal permits will open online, and new permits will open May 1.

### **Parks**

A section of the wall at Stramski's has been completed. Invasive plants have been removed at Castle Rock. They are working on erosion mitigation at Chandler Hovey with boulders in place in five areas, paid for with FEMA funds. When it is dry enough, tarps will be removed from the fields, and mowing and fertilizing will be done. The Department will receive \$17,200 from the Shattuck Fund which may be used to increase the times that the lights are on at the courts. Kathy Helmes reached out to Peter about having her garden club assist with landscaping on the Neck parks. Sustainable Marblehead will have volunteers for plantings at Chandler Hovey with the department helping with obtaining supplies.

The next meeting will be Monday March 27n at 7:00 p.m.