



## **OBSERVER REPORT**

Recreation and Parks Commission  
Tuesday, August 3, 2021 7 pm  
LWVm Observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Chip Osborne. All members were present except Matt Martin. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The donation of an adaptive swing for installation at the Devereux Beach playground was approved.

The Meadow Lane side of Reynolds Playground will be surveyed with the plan to clear out brush and install a fence to reclaim Rec. and Park owned land pursuant to the renovation of the park.

Derek Norcross suggested that Devereux Beach parking be manned earlier next year, primarily on June weekends. It was suggested that the college kids who are leaving now for school, could possibly man the booths as they get out early.

The Memorandum of Understanding, a document which lays out the specific responsibilities of the School Committee and the Recreation and Parks department for taking care of the school fields needs to be addressed and agreed on by both departments. This document does not include anything for the Brown School. Working groups from both departments should meet and then hopefully the superintendent will come to the next meeting in August.

The appearance of Gatchell's Green will be improved with smoothing out of the bumps and seeding.

## **Recreation**

The boats for the sailing program are in need of replacement. Used and new boats will be priced, as well as a possible purchase from the Y of sailboats they are not using.

Jaime is advertising for a full-time administrative employee, "program associate", to supervise programs, a salaried 40 hour job with benefits. This should be revenue generating with the ability to free up Jaime to create new programs and bring in more revenue.

## **Facilities**

Peter reported that the hydration stations have been installed.  
The deck rail at the Stramski house is almost finished.  
The care of Fort Sewall has been given back to Rec and Park.  
The fence on Vine Street has been replaced with a new stockade fence.  
At Stramski's the new fencing was approved, the fire lanes will be repainted, and new signage will be put up for closing time, parking, and dogs.

## **Budget**

Chip spent time going over last year's budget, both the General Fund which goes back to the town, and the Revolving Fund, which is spent within the department. At the next meeting, he asked for ideas for using the revolving fund.