



OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m
Community Center conference room
LWVM - Observer Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Derek Norcross. All members were present except Matt Martin. Derek introduced Rossana Ferrante who will officially join the Board after the election. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

There was a discussion of the proposed bike park at Green and Beacon Street. It was emphasized that the group organizing and building it must create a Board and be responsible to run, insure, and maintain the park. The Board has no money for maintenance, even trash pickup. There will be another walk-through next week with the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee.

Linda Rice-Collins attended the harbor planning working group meeting. Usage Ideas for various harbors from Riverhead around Marblehead coast to Village Street were solicited from the participants.

Derek mentioned that the outflow pipe at Riverhead was dangerously exposed and should be fixed.

Park Update - Peter James

The resurfacing of the Seaside tennis courts should take place in late June and will take about a week to finish.

The large mower which has been ordered has been delayed, but it's not worth fixing the old one in the meantime.

The bathrooms at Stramski's are also delayed by some water issues.

So far this season, the fields have only been closed once for weather.

The beach will officially open on June 18, but if Memorial Day weekend is hot, it may be able to be staffed. Volunteers cannot be used to staff the lot because of labor requirements.

New hires for maintenance and parking attendants were approved.

Recreation - Jaime Bloch

The old and new staff is in a training mode for the many summer programs beginning June 27.

Two hundred kids are signed up for Fire Chief Gilliland's story reading this Sunday at Gerry Playground. Jaime has a huge bean bag chair for him to sit in. The Landing is providing refreshments.

Hires for tennis, playground, and lifeguards were approved.

Jim Nye asked if the old playground equipment at Hobbs could be auctioned off as a fundraiser. The new playground should be installed in mid to late July.

The new sailboats should be delivered in early June. The old ones will be sold for parts as they are no longer being made.

Correspondence

On August 19, Channel 25 will make a Zip trip to Devereux Beach from 6 - 10 am.

The Democratic Town Scholarship picnic was approved for Green Street for a Friday from 5 - 8 or a Saturday from 4 -7 in June.

A request from Dollars for Scholars for a run starting at Devereux Beach on June 11 from 9 - 11 am was approved.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 pm.