



OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Park Commission

May 6, 2021, 6:30 pm

LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

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

The office was contacted with a complaint about kayaks being left and/or abandoned on beaches such as Cove Lane. The Board will research its jurisdiction and possibly put up some signage.

Memorandum of Understanding

This is a document to be worked out with the School Committee detailing the responsibilities of each department in regard to care and maintenance of the athletic fields and facilities, including cutting grass, fertilizing, aerating, picking up trash barrels. Rec and Park is not mandated to mulch or weed, but they have taken on maintenance of the irrigation systems. The memorandum was presented to the School Committee in January and they haven't acted on it yet. The new school has an elaborate labor-intensive landscaping plan, and the department does not have the manpower or money to take care of it at this time.

Facilities

Peter reported that the new railings at Crocker Park should be in by the end of May.

There are encroachment issues at Reynolds Playground, and a new survey may be needed.

Money for the Seaside tennis court refinishing was approved at Town Meeting, It was approved for Peter to put the job out for bids.

One full time hire and 8 summer hires were approved.

The restrooms at Gatchell's will be closed until the Recreation programs start at the end of June. Baseball did not want to be responsible for the cleaning under covid protocols.

At the beach the planters by the gate will be removed. The floats should be out of Usher's parking lot by May 15 per the contract.

Recreation

Spring programs are full including tee ball and soccer leagues. There will be a mask requirement policy for all participants in summer programs. All programs will be outdoors except one—scrapbooking. By November indoor programs should be able to fully resume (basketball, etc.)

Jaime is working on an online registration system for tennis court use this summer to monitor how much the courts are used

Several requests for weddings, day camp field trips, Glover field day and temporary boat storage for races were approved.

The meeting was adjourned.