

Town of Canton
Parks and Recreation Commission
General Meeting
Wednesday October 19, 2016
7:00PM

1. **Present:** Rebecca Andrews, Chris Eckert, Julius Fialkiewicz, Elaine Vallo, Ben Holden, Brian Miller, Joshua Medeiros, Director of Parks and Recreation. Absent Todd Jacobs. Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Chris Eckert.
2. **Public Comment:** None.
3. **Approval of Minutes from 8-17-2016:** Ben Holden made a motion to approve the 8-17-16 minutes. Elaine seconded, all present in favor.
4. **Central Field Reservation Update:** Director Medeiros informed the commission that he initiated a meeting with the Athletic Director and the Board of Education to try and develop a centralized field reservation calendar that everyone could utilize in an effort to alleviate field scheduling conflicts. An initial meeting was held on September 14th with favorable results. The BOE representatives agreed to run the new ideas through the Superintendent of Schools for further discussion. Rebecca Andrews suggested documenting any time there was a field conflict.
5. **Park Project Updates:**

Dog Park: Director Medeiros informed the commission that the Friends of Canton Dog Park Inc has been continuing independent work on the project which has included partnering with Dogology on a Dogtoberfest event and also with the town on Pooch Plunge. The President is meeting with a soil scientist to make arrangements to have wetlands flagging done on the property.

Skate Park: Director Medeiros informed the commission that the new Skate Park renovations had begun the week of September 26th and it was anticipated that the project would be complete in early November. Regular updates and pictures have been provided on the Canton Parks and Recreation Facebook page. In light of the renovations, Director Medeiros felt it was an appropriate time to review the Skate Park Rules and purchase new signage. Director Medeiros had researched skate park rules from other towns in the state to help with the process. The commission reviewed the current rules and made recommendations for changes.
6. **Budget Discussion FY 17-18:** Director Medeiros provided the commission with FY 16-17 capital project submission and requested the commission weigh in on priorities for the next fiscal year. The commission agreed that Lawton Road remains a long term top priority for the department but agreed that an outdoor fitness trail would be a great initiative for next fiscal year due to its lower cost and ability to impact a large amount of people.
7. **Other Business:**
 - a. **Grievance regarding vehicles on fields:** Todd Jacobs brought it to the commission's attention via e-mail that Warriors Football had portable lights after rental hours on the field and also had vehicles on the field. Director Medeiros informed the commission that

the portable lights had been approved in an effort to not have vehicles on the fields as promised by the league president. After a review of the Field Use Policy, Chris Eckert made a motion to initiate step 2 of the progressive discipline policy which involves sending a written warning on behalf of the commission. Brian Miller seconded the motion. All present in favor. Elaine Vallo suggested the third violation description be included in the letter to make them aware of next steps should the issue continue.

- b. Ben Holden mentioned that he wanted to see more marketing done for department programs including more push for pool programs i.e. scuba diving and water polo. His comments were noted.
- 8. Adjournment:** Ben Holden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. Chris Eckert seconded, all present in favor.