

Town of Canton
Parks and Recreation Commission
General Meeting
Wednesday December 21, 2016
7:00PM

1. **Present:** Rebecca Andrews, Chris Eckert, Julius Fialkiewicz, Elaine Vallo, Brian Miller, Joshua Medeiros, Director of Parks and Recreation. Absent Todd Jacobs and Ben Holden. Meeting called to order at 7:14pm by Rebecca Andrews.
2. **Public Comment:** None.
3. **Approval of Minutes from 10-19-2016:** Julius Fialkiewicz made a motion to approve the 10-19-16 minutes. Chris Eckert seconded, all present in favor.
4. **Ice Skating at Mills Pond:** Julius Fialkiewicz requested the Town open up Mills Pond for Ice Skating as was done in years past. Director Medeiros expressed concerns over liability and who would take ownership over testing the ice. Rebecca Andrews requested the department try it for one weekend and promote it as an event. The commission agreed to revisit this in the future as the weather gets colder.
5. **Canton Springs Firehouse Fields:** Brian Miller inquired about the history of the Canton Springs fields and wondered if the Fire Department would be willing to develop a deal with the Parks and Recreation Department to acquire the site. Director Medeiros said he would look into the history and that this could be discussed further at the January 18th commission meeting.
6. **Park Project Updates:**

Dog Park: Director Medeiros informed the commission that the Dog Park had been on the Wetlands Commission agenda for December but a resident showed up to the meeting with concern over the application process and the hearing was delayed until the January 18th meeting.

Skate Park: Director Medeiros informed the commission that the Skate Park project has officially been completed. A grand re-opening was held November 12th. Chris Eckert stated that the skate park has been receiving high praise from the skater community and is one of our top park accomplishments to date.

Master Plan: Director Medeiros informed the commission that the final project under the STEAP grant was to complete a parks master plan. Though there is limited funds to have this accomplished, Director Medeiros felt confident that Parks and Recreation could get some strategic work done to help provide direction for future park initiatives. Director Medeiros hopes an RFP will be sent out in early winter.
7. **Discussion of Park Hours:** Julius Fialkiewicz requested the lights been turned off at Mills Pond during the winter. Director Medeiros felt the street lights should remain as a safety precaution to deter any illegal activities in the park. The group agreed that the tennis and basketball court lights could be suspended. Director Medeiros said he would have the Parks Supervisor shut down the court lights for the winter.

8. **Review of POCD:** Director Medeiros told the commission he would e-mail them the POCD document for them to review and make recommendations. The document will be on the January 18th commission agenda.
9. **Other Business:** None
10. **Adjournment:** Julius Fialkiewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Rebecca Andrews seconded, all present in favor.