

Town of Canton
Parks and Recreation Commission
General Meeting
Monday February 22, 2016
7:00PM

Present: Rebecca Andrews, Ben Holden, Todd Jacobs, Brian Miller, Elaine Vallo and Courtney Hewett, Recreation Supervisor.

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Rebecca Andrews.

Approval of Minutes from 12-21-15: Ben Holden made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Brian Miller seconded, all present in favor.

Park Project Updates:

Dog Park: Rebecca Andrews informed the commission that the Board of Selectmen has voted to move forward with the Dog Park Project. She explained the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the project but wanted the Friends of the Dog Park group to become their own 501c3 non-profit organization. Rebecca Andrews also mentioned that the board expressed their concerns with the location but were told by her and others that this was the best solution and other places weren't as viable.

Skate Park: Courtney Hewett explained to the commission that Rampage has not yet sent a final plan for the Mills Pond Skate Park. Rampage had originally estimated to have the design completed by Joshua Medeiros by the end of February, so the plan should be ready for the March meeting.

Lawton Road: Courtney Hewett updated the commission that Joshua Medeiros has submitted the STEAP grant and that we are currently waiting to hear back. Brian Miller then asked how it would be to hear back about the grant to which Ben Holden replied that it could really take anywhere between 5 weeks to 8 months.

Field Use Policies: Ben Holden stated that before the policy is approved there needs to be clarification on which leagues are paying to use the fire department fields, he then went on to say that the out of town leagues should definitely have to pay to use the fields and all present agreed. Rebecca Andrews then asked what the price for one-time events would be and Todd Jacobs suggested that we charge by event size ex: \$50.00 for a small event and \$250.00 for large event. Rebecca Andrews also suggested that the pavilion fee should be raised. Elaine Vallo then asked what the plans were to charge in town organizations for field use. Rebecca Andrews then mentioned that the soccer leagues are already paying a large amount of money to the fire department for no maintenance to be done on them. Todd Jacobs then asked where that money was going if they were not being maintained. Brian Miller then said that someone should inquire and the commission asked that Joshua Medeiros look into it. Elaine Vallo then stated before moving forward on the policy that a list of field that Parks and Recreation would charge for should be made. The commission wanted more time to consider the policy of charging for use of the fields.

Other Business: Brian Miller mentioned that Chris Eckert and he have been unable to move forward on the trails restoration project. Ben suggested getting a plot map or overhead picture of Mills Pond Park to possibly see where to begin on that project.

Adjournment: Brian Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Todd Jacobs seconded, all present in favor.