

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

Present: Chris Eckert, Ben Holden, Julius Fialkiewicz, Brian Miller, Elaine Vallo and Joshua Medeiros, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Chris Eckert.

Approval of Minutes from 2-22-16: The minutes could not be approved as there were not enough members that were eligible to approve them.

Presentation on Old River Road DPW Garage/Rec Site: Public Works Director Bobby Martin and Project Administrator George Wallace presented a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed DPW garage renovation. They sought input from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding possible recreational opportunities for the site to compliment the garage project. The commission will add the project to the April agenda for further discussion. The commission will develop a recommendation for the recreation component at that time.

Park Project Updates:

Dog Park: Director Medeiros informed the commission that the Friends of the Dog Park group are working on becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization. In addition, they are developing comprehensive fundraising plans that will be presented at their April meeting. Director Medeiros is working with Land Use and the Project Administrator regarding next steps in the process.

Skate Park: Director Medeiros presented the new design provided by Rampage, Inc. The commission voted unanimously to approve the new design. Work will be commencing over the next several weeks with an anticipated completion date of May 2016.

Lawton Road: The town still awaits news from the state regarding the status of the STEAP Grant.

Master Plan: Director Medeiros informed the commission that the master plan will be explored only after work on the skate park has concluded. The commission has decided that the master plan was the lowest priority item for the current STEAP grant.

Other Business: Ben Holden made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Commission to send a congratulatory letter to the Girls Basketball team for winning championship. The commission felt it would be appropriate if they sent letters to other community sports groups as well. Ben Holden agreed to provide information to the commission via e-mail so the letter could be drafted.

Adjournment: Ben Holden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Brian Miller seconded, all present in favor.