



Regular Meeting of the Longmeadow Board of Park Commissioners

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Chair Rakas, Vice Chair Horowitz, Commissioner Berke, Commissioner Rintoul and Director Jarvis

- I. Public Participation-** None
- II. Approval of the July 2020 Meeting Minutes** - A motion was made by Vice Chair Horowitz to accept the June meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Rintoul. Individual roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously, without descent.
- III. Community Preservation Committee Update-** Commissioner Rintoul stated the CPC has ongoing discussions on open-ended, existing projects with particular attention to Wolf Swamp and Blueberry Hill School field improvements. He stated that the CPC is entertaining the procedure of all projects being awarded to "the Town" instead of individuals to assist with financial management and accountability.
- IV. Parks & Recreation Department Financials-** Director Jarvis reported that July financials are pending the completion of the FY end procedures including the daycare salary and benefit allocations. July and August financials will be available in September but the fund balance has taken a significant hit.
- V. Old Business**
 - a. **Wolf Swamp Project update** - Director Jarvis reported that the project is currently in procurement and will be publically bid early August.
 - b. **Adult Center/COA Building Update-** Director Jarvis has continued to send out weekly reports on the construction and informed the Board the painting of the pool house is complete and matches the building. Funding for this project was provided by a private NFP with very special thanks to Mary Beth Bergeron.
 - c. **Open Space Plan Update-** The July 29 public meeting was not well-attended but did include a Select Board member and a few Save Our Parks members. The last committee meeting with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is 8/6. The next action will be for Planning Board, Select Board, Conservation Commission and Park Board to review the draft and write a letter of approval so it can be submitted to the Commonwealth.
 - d. **Skate Park discussion-** Commissioner Berke reported the group had a 7/23 meeting to discuss locations and park amenities and structures. The desired footprint is similar to (2) tennis courts.
- VI. New Business**
 - a. **Reopening Plan-** Director Jarvis informed the Board of the uncertainty regarding daycare and school age care programs. Some fall sports may be able to participate and sport groups are meeting to organize and submit proposals. Community House is not available for public use in gatherings so dance and gymnastics will also be challenging to plan at this time.
 - b. **Park rules-** after review by each Park Board member it was determined not to make any changes at this time but focus on improved signage to assist users in compliance
 - c. **New Chair/Vice Chair-** Vice Chair Horowitz made the motion to select Chair Rakas as continued Chair and Commissioner Berke as Vice Chair. Commissioner Rintoul seconded the motion. Individual roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously, without descent.
 - d. **Next Meeting Date-** Tuesday August 4 at 7pm via Zoom.
- VII. Announcements-** None
- VIII. Adjournment-** A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Horowitz, and seconded by Commissioner Rintoul. Individual roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously, without descent.
- IX.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bari B. Jarvis, Recording Secretary

