

Park and Rec Meeting Notes 4-18-2019

Meeting Opened at 6:15 p.m. without incident

In Attendance: Olga, Mike, Sean, Kelly, Tod, Joe, and Cheryl

Previous meeting notes reviewed and accepted.

- CPA Request: The CPA committee has requested to be informed of any long-term project considerations from the Parks and Recreation Committee. If any member of our outstanding committee has such project considerations, it would be wise to include this presentation as a meeting agenda item when we meet on again on Thursday, May 16th.
- Singing Beach Update: Light pole is in and will (or has by the time these notes become part of the town archives) be replaced. Beach House restoration funds have been approved. No update on security cameras at the beach due to lack of new information regarding this item.
- Chowder House Update: The roof was left unattended during the last round of major renovations/restoration. The roof will need attention in the coming years, and our watchful eye is appreciated. It would be expected that a project targeted at restoring the roof is on the horizon.
- The approaching construction of the Manchester Elementary school is imposing peculiar alterations to field access at Brook Street/Coach Ed field, and hence, sports schedules are recommended to be altered. Our discussion on this topic covered the following:
 - High School sport teams will be denied access to the Brooke Street/Coach Ed field until 3:30 p.m. on school days at the insistence of an authoritative party from the construction company who has deemed it unsafe for athletes to traverse the grounds between the high school and the field; despite the reality that once the student athletes are assembled on the field they will participate in activities requiring helmets and mouthguards.
 - The committee voted to recommend the rescheduling of field activities by one hour in the latter direction of time (EST), and that temporary lighting be erected to accommodate this shift in schedule. Temporary lighting may be a good test for neighbors who have historically opposed the erection of lighting.
- Olga observed a concerned citizen at Singing Beach who was closely observing the aftermath of dog defecation at the beach. The committee agreed that:
 - The clear majority of canine defecation is properly disposed of by the owner of the dog who defecated.
 - The Singing Beach dog public will often compensate for heathens who are ill-pre-paired, or ill-concerned about proper canine defecation disposal.
 - It may be best not to draw attention to this woman's perceived problem by pre-emptively requesting volunteers for stool removal patrols, or any other aspect of "improving" the rather accommodating situation at Singing Beach as it pertains to dogs, and their natural biproduct as by reasonable measurement; there is no actionable issue at Singing Beach.
- Manchester by the Sea's 375th anniversary is upon us, and a cavalcade of monthly activities is planned in honor of this milestone. If any Parks and Rec Board members have any ideas for a monthly celebration event, February appears to be wide open. Pickleball tournament perhaps?
- Peter's Ride was approved in honor of a Peter Feuerbach for June 2, 2019. I will be manning the grills as usual if anyone from the committee is in the area and hungry.
- Committee members are encouraged to contemplate ideas for the Manchester by the Sea, Master Plan, and offer them for discussion for the on the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2019 for those who may need to loosen up their schedule.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.