



Regular Meeting of the Longmeadow Board of Park Commissioners
Monday, February 8, 2021
Location: Zoom Meeting
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Chair Rakas, Vice Chair Berke, Commissioner Horowitz, Commissioner Rintoul, Commissioner Greco and Director Jarvis, Town Manager Lyn Simmons, Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk and DPW Director Mario Mazza

- I. Public Participation-** Andrew Nichols of 228 Prynwood Road expressed that Greenwood daycare is a wonderful place
Caitlin and Allan Vibber of 6 Roseland Terrace stated they feel Greenwood is a large part of the community and it is hard for working parents to find care, especially during COVID. Mrs. Vibber stated she liked the cost of the program and Mr. Vibber stated it is mind boggling to him how he must go outside the community for daycare.
Jenna Allis of 692 Laurel Street stated Greenwood is a wonderful community.
Michelle Mattia of 74 Cambridge Circle stated she is a parent of three daughters that other daycares have opened successfully
- II. Greenwood Daycare Discussion with Town Manager and Finance Director-** A multitude of questions were asked by the Park Board. The timeline for final decision is early March.
- III. Grounds Maintenance Discussion with DPW Director Mario Mazza-** Mr. Mazza stated that general grounds maintenance is not to the standard he would like but it comes down to resources. He is open to the opportunity for volunteerism and cited Longmeadow Youth Softball as a prime example of a partnership. Volunteer requests have to be within the scope of our structure and filtered through the Parks and Recreation Department. Wolf Swamp was briefly discussed and the suggestion of outsourcing maintenance for the first year was shared.
- IV. Community Preservation Committee Update-** Commissioner Rintoul stated all (3) submissions were endorsed.
- V. Parks & Recreation Department Financials-** Director Jarvis shared the January Town Manager report.
- VI. New Business**
 - a. **Potential 501(c)(3)-** Mr. Greco informed the Board that a name for the organization is needed and the approval process is six months.
- VII. Old Business**

- a. **Wolf Swamp project:** all storm drainage, piping and structures have been installed. Three of the four sections are at sub-grade. The fence demolition is complete.
- b. **Adult Center/COA:** Weekly reports from the project manager are sent to each Park Board member on a weekly basis.
- c. **Open Space Plan:** Is complete, approved and on the Town's website.
- d. **Skate Park discussion:** The group last met in August. The CPC recipient is working with procurement to determine specs for the consultant bid. Vice Chair Berke that the working group last selected (3) tentative sites with one as the overall favorite.
- e. **Longmeadow Soccer update:** Chair Rakas reported the Association has elected new officers and are working toward updating by-laws.

VIII. Approval of the (2) January Meeting Minutes - A motion was made by Commissioner Horowitz to accept the 1/11 meeting minutes as amended (change Item IV c spelling of Mario Mazza and date change from 3/8 to 2/8), seconded Commissioner Rintoul. A motion was made by Commissioner Rintoul to accept the 1/19 minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner Greco. Individual roll call vote was taken for both and the motions were carried unanimously, without descent.

IX. Announcements- Next meeting- 3/8/21 @ 6pm via Zoom

X. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Greco and seconded by Commissioner Rintoul. Individual roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously, without descent.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bari B. Jarvis, Recording Secretary*