

Town of Boxborough



Recreation Commission

Meeting 09/08/2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m

Present: Hilary Greven, Mitzi Garcia-Weil, Claudine Lesk, Megan Connor

Minutes from August meetings

Motion to accept minutes as posted from 8/11 and 8/18; all in favor.

Update on programs (gymnastics, tae kwon do, boot camp, fusion fitness)

TKD started today and had 2 people for the first session and 3 people for the second session. Megan has been getting phone calls all day about the program.

Review 2030 year plan

The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the 2030 year plan and noting the Committee's comments. They were as follows:

The Committee would like to add an Action to Goal 4.3 as noted as Action 4.3.1.5 below. We feel this should be a top priority as it is the only playground in town and hasn't been maintained since it was built. We are also concerned with its safety (some parts of it). It is also in high use during the summer, especially because of Summer Playground that is held at Flerra in July.

Action 1.1.3.4. (Comment: is this asking for actual written documentation promoting these items?) If so: list our fields (Flerra, Liberty & Fifers) and their locations, Winterfest, Summer Playground and the children's playground located at Flerra.

Action 1.1.3.5. examples: Winterfest, snow shoe gathering, potential Eagle Scout projects - solar lights on some trails (obviously with Cons. Comm. approval) for evening walks, snow shoeing and cross country skiing.

Action 4.1.2.2. Eagle Scout project: Bike racks at trailheads?

Action 4.3.1.4. Not sure there is a need for additional playing fields but if so where? The best site we found with Elizabeth Hughes was near Holiday Inn but it is potentially valuable land for the town.

(NEW) Action 4.3.1.5. We would like to add another strategy item: "Improve and update the playground at Flerra Field."

Action 4.3.2.1. As we read through the MassDOT's guidelines for ADA Act, we feel the Rec. Comm. has completed all necessary items towards compliance.

Action 4.3.3.3. We think adding handicap port-a-potties at fields would be a terrific improvement.

Action 7.1.1.3. We think the addition of "scenic" sidewalks would improve community access, emulating the Town of Lincoln's sidewalks.

Action 7.1.1.4. Regarding bike racks at various public/commercial locations around this is what I recommend after driving around to check. We need racks at Town Hall, Fifer's Field, another at Liberty Field (there's only one small one), Hayward Farms/Oscar's Burritos, Nashoba Valley Skate Rink, W. Acton Center(?), Idylwilde Farms(?). The school, library and Flerra Field are all set with racks.

Action 7.3.1.2. Look into connection to rail trail network.

Action 7.3.1.3. The fields and playground are our only recreational facilities along with hiking trails. Create basketball, tennis courts. Look into swimming facility (pool or pond).

Action Item: Hilary to send Adam the notes from the review of the 2030 year plan.

Other Business

We should start thinking about next year's budget and about new items to ask for in our budget; discuss at next month's meeting.

Action Items:

Hilary to ask Jennifer for numbers on revenue coming into the Town from Rec Comm sponsored programs.

Hilary to ask Susan to attend our October meeting to discuss the budget.

Mitzi to touch base with our Fin Comm rep. (Amy?)

Next Meeting: October 13th at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned- 8:17pm