

Open Space & Recreation
September 12, 2018 Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chair Stev McDonough at 6:33 pm.

Attendees: Stev McDonough, Cathy Richardson, Steve Sylvester, Cindy Hemenway, Jack Bracchiotti, Maura Campbell, Dennis Visconti

Absent members: James Sarno, David Goodberg, Therese DiBlasi,

Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to accept as written
 - Approved
- Open Space Plan
 - Stev has full copy of plan/Steve A has copy in his office
 - Will see if Erin can make next mtg
 - Can we help with any grants to move things forward?
 - Per Steve A – most grants will open in spring related to OSR
 - No ADA compliant playground in town – concentrating on grant for Steele
 - Includes unseen disability, sensory issues, surfacing
 - Field assessment plan is up next; will be looking at utilization to prioritize
 - Need a long term maintenance plan for fields
 - Q from Ramie: Is Steve working w disability committee?
 - A: Yes, Steve has met w them
- Rec Dept.– Steve A update
 - Field Assessment – will start getting quotes
 - Summer programs successful
 - Sports 101 – 140 kids!
 - Intro to Golf - sold out
 - Lacrosse clinic
 - Working on field hockey clinic
 - 29 Fall programs scheduled
 - 10/12 Movie on Common – Ghostbusters – the orig version!
 - Looking for volunteers 12:15 - 1:15 for table
 - Continued increase in site visits over 2017
 - Field permits – changes pending on field assessments

- Cost of “green” chemicals far more expensive, is it worth researching other alternatives?
- Stoneham Arena
 - Open for practice next week
 - Signs
 - 12 signs sold
 - ~ 19K revenue collected
 - Funds deposited to general account/line item for advertising
 - Installation planned for 9/21
 - Front of Arena – needs work
 - Possibility of “Stoneham Volunteers” group available
 - Grand re-opening – maybe October
- Golf
 - Greens Fees/Carts up from 2017
 - Conditions good, golfers happy
- Dog park
 - Relooking at every area discussed to re-vet(~12-15)
 - Will involve repurposing current land
 - Capen St tabled indefinitely, until further research
 - Will need to enhance “friends of dog park”, working on forms needed for 501C
 - How do we want to recruit for FODP? OSR subcommittee may be 1st group, then FODP can take over
 - Then maybe social media type group, If yes, will need an administrator/moderator, set up as closed group
 - ~1300 registered dogs
 - OSR as a committee can’t have 501C
- Old Business
 - Nothing
- New Business
 - Nothing

Meeting adjourned 7:59 pm