

Open Space & Recreation November 8, 2017 Monthly Meeting  
Town Hall Conference Room  
Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Steve McDonough at 6:35pm

Attendees, Steve McDonough, Steve Sylvester,  
David Goodberg, Cindy Hemingway, Cathy Richardson,  
Maura Campbell, Aldo Orsino, James Sarno, John Bracchiotti  
Steve Angelo, Recreation Director

Absent: Dennis Visconti, Maura Campbell, Theresa DiBlasi

Guests : MaryLou Bracchiotti, Connie Rosa, Michael Rosa

Minutes approved from October 11, 2017 meeting

- 1) Thank you to Cathy Richardson for helping at the event for New Stoneham Residents at the Library. Also Thank you to Cindy Hemingway and Steve McDonough for helping with the Halloween Stroll.
- 2) Steve Angelo is looking forward to offering new programs with the new Superintendent of Schools offering Recreation Department some space in the schools for programs.
- 3) Attending guest residents Connie & Michael Rosa advocating for a Tot Lot playground at the Robin Hood School. The committee explained that Robin Hood School is school property and School Committee would have approve it.
- 4) Golf: Irrigation is being installed at Unicorn. Unicorn is still open, Oaks is closed for the season. Unicorn got to a tough start with a cool, wet Spring, but they are making up with the deficit with a beautiful Fall. Total Revenues for both courses are \$759,118.00

Total Rounds YTD at Unicorn = 27,274 down from 28,921 from same period 2016

Total Rounds YTD at Oaks = 7,173 almost flat from 7,180 same period 2016

- 5) Arena : Jack Bracchiotti visited the rink and says it looks good, clean. Schedule not being utilized during the weekday mornings.

Could prices be lowered during that time to get skaters in there?

\*The roof at the arena is leaking during rain storms.

Steve McDonough is recommending that during (construction-repairs) shutdown, that training be done so employees at the arena can learn the computer system. Steve McDonough also recommended that we send a letter to the Town Administrator recommending that the Arena Managers Assistant be a full time position. Cindy Hemenway made a motion to send a letter to

TA Younger to request making the administrative assistant to the Manager a full time position with increased duties. Motion passed unanimously.

Repairs due to be started in April/May 2018.

Sub-Committee for Arena:

Cathy Richardson and Jack Bracchiotti , New subcommittee purpose is to keep track of progress on repairs schedule and management and update the full committee.

- 6) Dog Park : Steve Sylvester and Maura Campbell visited the Town Recycle Area on Stephens Street. Steve says the area would be big enough to qualify for the Dog Park Grant, at about 10,000 sf. They also looked at the area across from the Stone Zoo. It is DCR land. It has already been a two year process of looking for a location with out success.
- 7) Open Space Plan : It is in the finishing stages, but must be approved by the Disabilities Commission to be ADA compliant.
- 8) Old business : Cindy Hemenway updated the committee on the encroachment issues on the soon to be new linear park in Stoneham (Greenway).

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm