

Open Space & Recreation October 11, 2017 Monthly Meeting  
Town Hall Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Chair Dennis Visconti at 6:35pm  
Attendees, Dennis Visconti, Steve McDonough, Steve Sylvester,

David Goodberg, Cindy Hemingway, Cathy Richardson,

Maura Campbell, Aldo Orsino, James Sarno

Steve Angelo, Recreation Director

Absent, John Bracchiotti, Theresa DiBlasi

Minutes approved from September 13, 2017 meeting

- 1) Dog Park – suggested Dog Park at Senior Center will not meet requirements for the grant. Not enough parking  
New recommendations for Dog Park would be Stevens Street, Town owned land for leaves and compost. There is a section that is not used by DPW and maybe available for use of a Dog Park. Need to let TA Younger know that the Senior Center is no longer an option.  
Recommend that we contact citizens to create a community group to support the Dog Park.
- 2) Golf Course  
Kevin from Sterling sent a note – course is improving. Irrigation replacement will begin this fall during operation, while remaining open . Good feedback from customers.
- 3) Open Space Plan – Rough draft of Opens Space Plan is ready.  
Final draft supposed to be submitted by deadline December 31<sup>st</sup>.

4) Arena – Dennis has requested a schedule from Lou. Lou says that it changes weekly so unable to give a schedule at this time.

#### 5) Steve Angelo- Recreation Director

Pumpkin carving is Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> is event for new residents to Stoneham. “Stoneham 101” at the Library and Town Hall., Steve looking for volunteers to help.

Steve currently planning Winter Programs. New Superintendent is very cooperative about opening up school space for programs.

Field permits – Steve is overhauling forms to go into effect January 1, 2018.

Here is a brief synopsis of what was discussed last meeting that you can put in for my update:

**Programs:** Over 20 Recreational Programs will be offered over the late Fall and Winter Months, including more teen style programs and additional adult program. With the access to the gyms in the schools now available, we looking forward to running numerous sports and physical activities within the gyms when they are available. I will be working with the Athletic Director and Superintendent to continue to gain access to facilities which will allow for the continued growth of our program offerings.

**Permits:** An update permit form is almost complete and will be more expansive than the previous forms. The new form will provide a list of expectations and field regulations for each group to adhere by. Once it is complete, it will be submitted to town counsel for review and then once approved, will replace the outdate form.

**Events:** A request was made by the Recreation Director asking for volunteers to help with the Halloween Stroll events on the Common and the Stoneham 101 Open House at the Library. These are very important events and assistance is needed to ensure a productive reflection on the department. All committee members willing to help Steve should call or email him directly about availability.

#### 6) New Business

1. Cindy Hemenway spoke about signs for identifying the Stoneham section of the Greenway. She suggests there be a dedication to Cameron Bain “The Cameron Bain Greenway”. Fundraiser needs to be held to raise money for signs on either end of the Stoneham Section
2. Steve McDonough talked about attend the Open Law and Ethics meeting as rep to the OSR Committee.
3. Be careful about hitting “reply all” or giving opinions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

