

Open Space & Recreation
February 13, 2019 Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chair Stev McDonough at 6:30 pm.

Attendees: Stev McDonough, Cathy Richardson, Cindy Hemenway, , James Sarno, , David Goodberg, Steve Sylvester

Absent members: Therese DiBlasi, Maura Campbell, Dennis Visconti, Jack Bracchiotti

Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to accept as written
 - Approved, 1 abstention
- Recreation Dept.
 - Spring & Summer Schedule in process, s/b out by end of next week
 - School gyms are now available to rec dept.
 - Capital request approved for Steele Playground for town mtg warrant in May – 201K
 - Will apply for a grant - up to 50% reimbursable via a park grant
 - Playground study will occur when ground thaws (soil testing, ADA compliance)
 - Includes school playgrounds also
 - Then will need to put together a 5-10-year all-inclusive plan
 - Stoneham 101 – no firm date for this year
- Stoneham Arena
 - Submitted capital request for part of roof
 - SB approved solar panels for main roof
 - Targeted completion next spring
 - Limited hours for public skate
 - Skate rentals not cost effective
 - Typically, don't get big numbers
 - Steve has events next week for school vacation
- Golf
 - Sterling will be requesting increase of greens fee by \$2 per course
 - TA is final approver
 - Middleton Par 3 course is closing permanently
 - Sterling requesting 69K in capital for May town meeting to include:
 - Adding 200 ft of net for Country Club Rd/ 50 ft high
 - Renovation to maint building

- Rebuilding 9th hole, bunkers, etc.
 - Intro to golf courses very popular with kids
 - Feasible for adults?
- Dog Park
 - Will need to discuss w new TA /gauge support
 - Currently dogs off leash in existing parks/issue with owners picking up
 - Big picture – As playgrounds updated, should ban dogs to maintain town investment
- Open Space Plan
 - Needs to be updated every 7 years
- Old Business
 - Question on whether Greenway still falls under Greenway committee or OSR
 - Bench put at Senior Center, intended for Greenway
 - Greenway committee still exists/hasn't been officially turned over
- New Business
 - None

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm