

Minutes 11/17/22 Parks Commission

All members present (Tom Mensi, Gerry Clarin, Chris Andrews, Steve Snyder, Tracey Brennan)
2 Members of the public: Alex Reger and Jim Thomas

Alex and Jim reported on the progress they have made in organizing the First Annual Berkshire Pond Hockey Tournament. They have put a lot of enthusiasm and energy into it and have made great progress! They have 16 teams and 5 sponsors, shuttles from breakfast at the Brewery etc. Weather is their biggest concern, as is ice prep leading up to the tournament. They also hope to have a generator. Steve will look into the possibility of using Gould Farm equipment for the forming of the 3 rinks. Parks Commission is in full support of the event. We will provide the porta potties.

Steve stressed that we must look thoroughly at our year to date budget again to see precisely where we stand. This knowledge will also inform our presentation in March for next year's budget. We will begin to gather items we might want to include. Suggestions were:

Ballfield

Greene Park

Beach attendant (perhaps 4 days a week, 7 hrs a day \$5000 @\$20 per hour)

Increase number of kayak racks

Repair beach railing for people who need support in entering the water

A Harbor Master (We must clarify what part of the town government this position is related to).

We agreed that we would like to invite the new Police Chief to a winter meeting to answer many questions that we have for him and also to make a relationship with him over various Parks responsibilities.

Tom proposed signs to be displayed on the fence of the basketball court, clearly prioritizing that the court is reserved for basketball on Sunday mornings. All agreed.

Chris did research to find out what area at the beach has been designated as state parking. He could not find the answer, though he asked both Melissa and Don Clawson. He did find out from Jim Hunt that in the near future the culvert running under Tyringham road will need extensive renovation.

The Committee voted to restrict the beach parking perpendicular to Tyringham Rd. to town residents only.

The question of how to deal with guests and renters in town needs further thought and research. What do other towns do?

We discussed allotting the Sylvan Road parking area for all boat and kayak vehicles and trailers. Appropriate signage will be essential.

Next Meeting Thursday December 15.

Tracey Brennan

