

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

June 14, 2023

Room 5 and Zoom

Town Employees - Cheryl Marshall - Director

Members present: Sean Daly, Olga Hayes Muffin Driscoll, Karlee Blaisdell and Michael Coyne

- Multiple Town members present: Counted up to 6

Call to order: 5:33 PM

B) May 17, 2023 minutes

1. reviewed and approved
 - a. 3 votes for approval
 - b. Sean Daly and Karlee Blaisdell abstained from voting due to absence at the last meeting.

C) Committee Update

1. committee member Karlee is staying on for an additional year.

D) Pine Street Update:

1. Construction on schedule to be concluded by the end of June 2023.
 - a. Sod to be laid next week.
 - b. Fence is up
 - c. Plants are in
 - d. Irrigation plan updated and put in instead of water cannons.
 - e. Should be ready for use come Fall 2023.

E) Pickleball Update:

1. Pickleball Sound Study:
 - a. The committee received the sound study the day before our meeting. The committee will be taking some time to study and analyze the study to discuss at the next meeting.
 - b. At the next meeting we are going to have questions prepared for the sound specialist to answer via Zoom. If time permits limited questions from the town people may be permitted.
2. Parks and Rec have received 2 additional emails about the noise of the pickleball courts.
3. The Parks department and police are working on educating people about the open hours of the courts being 8 am.
4. The Massachusetts Department of Health stated that the sound was not out of the healthy range.
 - a. State provided equipment and our local BOH did the study.
5. Out of towners can use our courts; they are not limited to residents only.
6. Town Resident Questions -
 - a. Laura - 4 Forest St: Asked about the quieter paddles. - Cheryl stated that the sound study did have some information about the difference in paddles.
 - b. Tamara A - 140 Summer St: Expressed the early players especially on Weekends and mornings. Players showing up before the 8am opening.

- c. Kim Louge - 142 Summer St.: Stated that players are showing up before hours and staying after hours. Police are not responding to calls. Asked if we actually have the money for the sound mitigation.
- d. Robert Mastorian - Falmouth Town Resident: is pursuing a lawsuit against his town. Was told he was not a resident of Manchester-by-the-Sea and was limited to a minute of speaking.

F) Beach Update:

1. Opened successfully over Memorial Day weekend. Sunday of that weekend was the busiest day we have ever seen at Sining Beach, over 1000 walk on passes purchased.
2. Was a stressful weekend due to the lack of police presence.
 - a. Consider hiring outside security to be there to - direct traffic, high stress situations, escorting managers with the money.
 - b. There are some new police cadets graduating and we are hoping to have more police resources to use.
 - c. If we can't have a police officer a security officer would be helpful.
 - d. MBTS cannot change the detail rate for the police and it is a set standard.
3. Wifi at the Beach
 - a. Not accomplishable 2023, but work is being done behind the scenes. It is a public safety concern.
 - b. Having meetings with specialists about the cost and resources necessary for success.
4. ATM was installed in the Bathhouse.

G) 4th of July:

1. Parade and concert planned for the 3rd.
 - a. There was a fundraiser last year and it raised over 3k. This was put towards getting some new bands to perform for the parade.

H) Special Event Application:

1. Acknowledge Receipt for Festival by the Sea to be held on August 5th.
 - a. all in favor to approve - 5 members voted yes.

I) Public Comment:

1. No new public comment

J) Next Meeting

1. Tentative Meeting set for July 12th at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Karlee Blaisdell