

Recreation Commission Minutes
May 9, 2018

Present: Virendar Kaushik, Julie Halloran, Michael O'Donnell, Robin Steele (arrived late), Amy Hamilton

Additional attendees: Julie Turner, 3 Bedford residents

Virendar made motion to approve March meeting minutes, Julie seconded - minutes approved 3-0-0

Virendar made motion to approve April meeting minutes, Mike seconded - minutes approved 3-0-0

Springs Brook Park:

Amy went through registration #'s for SBP to date

-Overall numbers are lower than last year at same date. Swim lesson registration much lower.

- Lifeguards – at full staff

- Crew – smaller # of applicants than last year, but enough to fill all positions

Lifetime Fitness – at least 11 Bedford families registered there; likely more – possible reason for low numbers.

SBP marketing – brochures out; flyers printed for new mom's brunch; Should put A-frames at DPW and corner of Mudge Way/Great Road – need to print, then affix to A-frame Events /Food Truck – Mike O to reach out regarding options

No decision yet from Massport on funding positions – likely to be last minute

Monitoring cash flow on a daily basis:

1) Copy Bedford Farms model – use iPads and Squares (app) to monitor concession stand

2) For gate – no power, need to figure out how to recharge iPads

Time sheets – using Homebase (free app); should cut down on staff time to reconcile

Slide taken down at SBP; pond draining, then cleaning, need to keep close eye on geese control

SBP and Dog Park:

Recreation committee members discussed whether dog park should be located at the SBP site – Committee members had major concerns:

1) the change in the natural feel of the area

2) the use of the Stanton grant will require the park to exist for 99 years, limiting flexibility

3) increased traffic in the area

4) upkeep – if not regular and well-maintained, it becomes an eyesore to land originally deemed for recreation purpose

Virendar to draft memo to send to Caroline updating her on the discussion and suggesting Dog Park committee representative attend next Rec committee meeting

Youth Center (aka Corner) – parents registered 99 kids this year (primarily 6th -8th grades); request by Amy asking why it is not being used – only 8 responses - largely kids are too busy; Space is underutilized; Could be repurposed for Kids club if logistics (kids returning from Lane school) can be solved

Kids club – Assistant Director – gave notice – not returning after maternity leave; Administrative Assistant has been hired as replacement.