

West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes for Meeting on:

4/12/2022 - 5:30PM

21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge, MA

Attendance: Caitlin Graham (CG), Joe Roy (JR), Ashley Daigle (AD), Helen Nolan (HN), JP Boscarino (JP), Curt Wilton (CW)

- 5:01PM Meeting in session
- CG made a motion to approve previous meeting's minutes. JP seconded. All approved.
- Group went over the storage room organization. Everything went very well. Toates are now labeled with all of the Halloween and Christmas decorations.
- Group discussed Card Pond items. CW has put out goose lights and erected a temporary fence to keep geese off beach until we get our new fence.
- JR mentioned that new signs are ready for Card Pond and will give to CW to put up.
- CW went over water testing and weed management. Water testing will be done by Board of Health in the coming weeks. Weed management will not happen this year as it is not needed but will likely be done next year. Also waiting on the conservation commission's approval to do it again.
- CW talked about beach sand. He said that sand issues are mostly due to erosion. That is something that Public works will be working on throughout the year.
- Group talked about picnic tables with umbrellas for down by Card Pond. This would be something that is managed by the lifeguard. The group agreed that additional picnic tables to be spread out around card pond area. About 3 or 4 tables on the beach area would be great to have umbrellas with a base for shade.
- JP will research umbrella and base options for purchase.
- CG mentioned that she has heard from someone regarding the Lifeguard position. She will be meeting with him tomorrow to discuss the details. The group finalized the details for the lifeguard pay and scheduling. Pay will be \$20 per hour. The position will be part time, 4 days a week, 10am - 3pm. P&R will pay for the applicant's lifeguard certification and also have an end of year bonus if they stay throughout the year. In addition to standard lifeguard duties, the lifeguard will also have the daily duties of: raking the beach, cleaning up any litter in the area, setting up and putting away umbrellas at picnic tables, shagging away geese.
- CW mentioned that most of the trash cans will be out within the next few weeks.
- JR and CW went over final details regarding new fence down at Card Pond. The group came to an agreement that a new split rail fence will be installed from the edge of the fence of the spillway along the water's edge and across the beach area until it ends at the natural barrier of the reeds. Once the fence is complete the group will work out some kind of fence gate for beach access. CG made a motion to approve up to \$1200 to purchase lumber for the split rail fence. JP seconded the motion. All approved. CW asked lumber to be delivered to 24 Albany Road to the highway department. JR will make the order with Dresser Hull.
- CW is going to look into a new tube gate for the spillway area.
- Group discussed Card Pond opening party. June 26 11am-1pm. More plans and details to follow.
- CG mentioned she talked to Veterans about Memorial Day. They want to do a combined town ceremony but not this year. West Stockbridge will have its normal ceremony this year as it has in years past. JR will search for local kids to do the readings. CG will contact the music department of BHRSD to see if they can arrange the bands to come. CG will reach out to local veterans to see if she can get someone to read the list of veterans who have passed away this year. AD will be in charge of Memorial Day bike decorations.
- 6:25PM Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joseph P Roy

West Stockbridge Parks and Recreation Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph P. Roy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "P" and "R".