

February 4, 2019

Recreation Meeting Minutes

Hingham Town Hall – 3rd floor

Present: Mark Thorell, Bruce Thompson, Sarah Melia, Nandita Scott

Absent: Vicki Donlan, Adrienne Ramsey

Visitors: Ed Johnson

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Bruce
2. Minutes from January 2019 were reviewed. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was submitted by Bruce and seconded by Sarah. They were unanimously approved.
3. Mr. Johnson from the Bathing Beach Trustees attended and commented on lifeguard situation. He suggested that the Bathing Beach Trustees and the Recreation Commission work together to coordinate lifeguard hiring and management. Their needs are 3-4 lifeguards on duty at a time, 3 hours before and after high tide, between 10 am-7 pm. The lifeguards will require Waterfront Certification. Discussion included: the plan to resume swimming lessons at the beach, additional lifeguard responsibilities of cleaning up beach trash, 2-3 hours of training at the beginning of the summer and responsibilities of patrolling the beach during 4th of July fireworks.
4. Nandita made a motion to table the issue until all commissioners are assembled next month, this motion was seconded by Sarah
5. CPC project update: the Hull street playground is currently being redesigned to save an existing mature tree that will require the playground to move 10 feet to the right. This will decrease parking spaces to 7. The planning board is meeting to discuss the site plan modification and if acceptable then will start the project with a planned summer opening.
6. CPC voted in favor of town wide athletic field study with the final vote at town meeting.
7. Mark provided program updates including summer program enrollment which started last week.
8. Mark provided a 4th of July Road Race update. The plan is to hire Race Wire as a new race management group that offers many benefits including text messages, pictures and video clips to all runners, lower costs and more additional perks including free custom numbers. Registration to start March 4/2019
9. South Shore Country Club pool update was given. Once advisory funds are received, the commission will move forward with marketing, hiring and registration for the summer of 2019. Pricing is unchanged and there will again be early bird options.

10. Other program updates were given: East school explorer programs registration to start February 11, 2019 brochures for summer/spring programs and registration to start March 4th 2019.
11. Mark provided update on the budget.
12. Future potential capital projects were discussed and included: replacing flooring in fitness room and updating equipment in game room
13. Mark is in discussions with Deirdre Anderson from the Historical Society about how the Recreation Commission can be involved or support their programs.
14. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm by Bruce, seconded by Nandita

Next meeting is March 5, 2019