

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee
2/27/2018
4:00 pm
Mason-Motz Room #5

Meeting Called By: Karen Jones

Note Taker: Andrea Mittleder

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Karen Jones, Janet Dye, Melanie Collins, Joel Glass, Andrea Mittleder, and Falmouth resident Matt Pines Absent: Sally Bitan and Ian Duggan

Secretary's Report:

One minor typographical change to January minutes.

Parks Division Report:

The parks department has been completing an inventory of equipment and will place some at auction this spring.

Because of the chance of March serious weather events, including a nor'easter slated to arrive this weekend, the division has not started switching out the winter equipment for the spring equipment.

Lucky D'Ascanio and Jeff Mason have been working on updating the budget, planning for equipment needs, and rearranging the schedule. Because of the state budgetary cuts for the Falmouth school department, some loss of funds have had to be carried by the parks division. Some needed equipment purchases will be pushed out until future years. Some park improvements, including changes to Underwood Park, have been pushed out from the 2018-2019 budget to the 2019-2020 budget.

At Underwood Park, the parks division is planning this year to remove the fence, do some trimming, remove more invasives, and take down an apple tree which may have a few brown-tail moth nests. Updating the playground and other improvements that were previously slated for this year have been pushed out until next year. Swings would be a popular update. Many of the neighbors would be very interested in participating in playground updates. Matt Pines from Underwood Road attended the meeting today to offer neighborhood input when appropriate. Lucky and Matt will meet to discuss details later this spring.

Only two parks left in town do not have granite signs. The committee supports placing granite signs to match other parks signs in tow at both Underwood School Park and Legion Baseball Complex.

Some of the Tercentennial festivities will be held at Community Park on Saturday, May 26. Information is available at Falmouth300.org.

FCP Report:

A comedian performed at Lunt today for FCP, and there was a huge turnout. More of those types of programs are being incorporated into community programs. Mahjong and cribbage playing have been very popular in Mason-Motz, as have the new walking areas around the complex. The gym is being utilized for pickle ball at times when the children who attend the before and after care in the building are away at school as well as many fitness programs.

Twenty-five people have signed up for the UK trip from Falmouth, Maine to Falmouth, England.

Another trip is planned to Cape Bretton, Nova Scotia in June.

Staff are working on the summer brochure, which will come out in mid-April.

The summer concert series has been planned.

During April vacation, many of the rooms and hallways in the Mason-Motz building will receive new carpet.

The Mason-Motz building will also receive a new roof this year after July 1, 2018. There have been a number of leaks.

It was recently discovered that there was a non-GFI outlet without a cover behind the water fountain. The outlet has now been removed from the electrical system and properly covered.

Old Business/New Business:

The PACPAC committee reviewed the 2018 Work Plan.

The parks and facilities tour is planned for June 19 at 3:30 this year.

It was suggested that the new open space manager Amanda Stearns meet with the committee at least annually. Lucky D'Ascanio will speak with her to discuss scheduling the next meeting. It would also be helpful for the committee to meet with Senior Services Coordinator Kim Doyon, Senior Program Coordinator Denise Macaronas, Falmouth Community Programs Recreation Coordinator Kate Harris and Recreation Assistant Ashley Quirrion.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2018