

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee
9/18/2018
Mason-Motz Conference Room

Meeting Called By: Lucky D'Ascanio at 4:10pm

Note Taker: Andrea Mittleider

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Joel Glass, Melanie Collins, Andrea Mittleider, and Amy Kuhn

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed but not voted on as we did not have a quorum.

Parks Division Report:

Lucky attended a New England Parks Association conference in Cape Cod. Sessions included stormwater management in parks, mower safety, accessible playgrounds, making parks essential in age-friendly communities, and nature -inspired playgrounds. One theme was the "eight to eighty" design principle, where parks and community spaces are accessible and safe for all ages. Next week she will attend the National Recreation and Park Association conference in Indianapolis to learn more about current trends and issues in parks and recreation. Attendance at these conferences is very helpful for networking and staying on trend with program offerings, maintenance and safety issues, etc. The grass is still growing, and the division is still mowing and focusing on equipment maintenance. They have also started prepping and planning for winter. Benches will soon be placed in the greenspace outside Mason-Motz, and there will be a gradual changeover so that the benches in all the parks will be replaced as needed with ones of the same design for a more cohesive look.

FCP Report:

Twenty-five people have already signed up for the Scrooge Trolley Trip in Salem, Mass., an audience-participatory rendition of the Christmas story. Pickle ball keeps growing. The new fall brochure is out. The new brochure is printed on a less expensive paper to allow budget shifting to more programming. Many people have been taking advantage of the indoor walking program. Mahjong and cribbage are held twice weekly in the conference room. The puzzles are also popular. The new roof will be installed in October. Many recent projects have been coming in under budget. The new doors are in and working great. Two of the department's vehicles – the Community Programs truck as well as one of the Parks vehicles - will be replaced soon pursuant to the town's capital improvements plan. The All Support Art group has been a long-running success. Participants are able to showcase and sell their art at a show at the library in June each year. There was discussion of showing local art at Mason-Motz as well.

Old Business/New Business:

Sometime this winter some members of PACPAC will be asked to participate in an upcoming project by the Long-Range Planning Committee plus members of other committees to inventory and look at the town of Falmouth and its active recreation opportunities for adults and children and its facilities. There is a new scoreboard at Community Park funded by the football boosters. On November 11, Falmouth will hold its Incorporation Day celebration. For more information, go to Falmouth300.org. Amy will send Lucky a list of potential course offerings suggested by constituents.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2018. It may be a fall parks tour at 3:30. Lucky will try to coordinate.

Meeting closed at 5:22