

Park and Recreation Commission	<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Date: July 6, 2016, 8:30 A.M.**

**Place: Putterham Meadows Golf Course, West Roxbury Pkwy**

**Commissioners Attending:** John Bain, Clara Batchelor, Daniel Lyons, Jim Carroll, Antonia Bellalta

**Commissioners Absent:** Nancy O'Connor, Jean Stameris

**Staff:** Erin Gallentine, Parks and Open Space Director, Lisa Paradis, Recreation Director, Brittany Bonney

TOPIC	KEY POINTS/DISCUSSION
<b>Chairman's Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. Bain opened the meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Parks &amp; Open Space Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Larz Anderson Park evening with Skip Moskey event will be held on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Auto Museum. There is room for about 120 people. The Friends of Larz Anderson Park, Brookline Historical Society and Green Space Alliance are all sponsoring the event.</li> <li>The Fisher Hill Grand Opening Celebration will be Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.</li> <li>The Emerald Necklace Bike/Pedestrian Crossing project is still on track for November completion. E. Gallentine is hoping to find out if they will receive a Green Cities grant for LED ornamental lighting within the next few weeks.</li> <li>Pierce Playground renovations are moving along and still on schedule. The site is closed during July and August so they will need to take advantage of that.</li> <li>The Putterham Library accessibility and planting project is underway. The Trustees of the Library helped fund these improvements.</li> <li>The Village Triangle is under construction and should be completed quickly. The clock is being repaired in 2 weeks.</li> <li>Linden Square has been refurbished and looks great.</li> <li>The John/Green Street lot has been refurbished.</li> <li>Billy Ward Playground will be getting a small sign board.</li> <li>Coming up this fall will be the Dukakis Dedication and completion of Phase I of the Muddy River Restoration Project with a possible ribbon cutting ceremony.</li> </ul>
<b>Parks and Open Space FY2018 Capital Projects Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E. Gallentine discussed the upcoming park projects in the CIP.</li> <li>Cypress Street Playground: Lights will be added</li> </ul>

<p><b>Program</b></p>	<p>to the athletic field and the basketball courts. They will also be proposing a synthetic turf field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerson Garden: The Design Review process is ongoing.</li> <li>• Brookline Reservoir: Preservation is trying to get funding for the gatehouse. The budget does include money for a comfort station so there is potential for renovating the gatehouse to include a comfort station. The gatehouse once had restrooms in it. Accessibility will be a major factor in the renovation and will not be an easy fix.</li> <li>• Harry Downes Field: Potential for organic infill for the field. The new Devotion School field will have organic infill and if it does well, could also be done at Harry Downes.</li> <li>• Larz Anderson Park: Structures North has been hired to do a conditions assessment and cost estimate of the structures and architectural elements in the park. They will look at all structures in the park including stairs, temples, bridges, pergolas, walls, etc.</li> <li>• Murphy, Robinson and Schick Playgrounds will be moving forward as scheduled.</li> <li>• The Riverway: The park/river will need serious capital improvements for dredging and bank restoration/stabilization. The environmental aspects that would have been included in Phase II of the project are not likely to occur as part of the Army Corp. project, so will need to be funded by the Town.</li> <li>• Boylston Street Playground: Some money was received from the hotel project.</li> <li>• Several school playgrounds need consideration for renovation including Driscoll, Heath, New Lincoln, and Baker. E. Gallentine has spoken with the School Committee/Capital Subcommittee and they are interested in working with the Division on a process for review and prioritization of school grounds needs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Recreation Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Paradis explained that summer camps are in full swing. There are 3 campuses in addition to the Environmental Education and Soule buildings.</li> <li>• They are continuing with the lunch program.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each camp and campus is at capacity.</li> <li>• There has not been any turnover at Soule, which is great. They have hired an additional employee for the fall.</li> <li>• Despite the bad weather this spring, the Golf Course did very well and was only shy \$5,000 of the revenue goal.</li> <li>• The Pool is currently packed with programs. There is CIP money for improvements at the facility but the bid that came in for retiling was way over budget. That project will go back out to bid in the fall.</li> <li>• The T off at the library event was held in June.</li> <li>• The Family Campout was a success but there were about 70 people on the waitlist. They would like to hold the event again for those who could not attend but it requires a lot of staffing and time.</li> <li>• Two open positions within the Department have been filled.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Putterham Meadows Golf Course Update and Site Walk</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission took a site walk of the golf course.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No other business.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. Bain moved to adjourn. All in favor.</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting:**

**Location: Town Hall**

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**Attest** Brittany Bonney

**Date: 7/6/2016**