

Minutes of April 9, 2015, Parks Commission Meeting

5:00 PM at Recreation Center

Attendance: Bill Pearce, Alison Weaver, Mike Thibodeau, and John Groggin, . Staff: Rene Dorr, Guest: Chris Darnell

The minutes of March 5, 2015, were read and approved. John made the motion and Alison seconded the motion. The vote was approved.

Alison received a request from Ed Glaser for a Parks Commission member to appointment to an Ad Hoc Committee for the subject of a Fisherman or Sailor Memorial.

The boardwalk in front of First Boston Financial needs maintenance. This boardwalk is privately owned, and the city manager has not had a response from the property owner concerning damage to several benches.

Home Depot table donations should be put on hold for now. Public Works has four tables that haven't been distributed last year. The suggested locations needing tables are Buoy Park and the Ralph Ulmer Park (after Dunkin Donuts does landscaping improvements).

The Commission discussed the proposal to allow rules to be developed to permit alcohol usage in city parks. Sales will not be permitted. This is a decision to be made by city council.

The Committee discussed the ordinance that established the Parks Commission. Tree Warden being appointed by the Commission needs to be researched. Rene will talk to Stewart to obtain copies of the current ordinance and distribute by email to the Parks Commission members.

The Harbor Park Redesign Committee meeting will be delayed until some committee members are able to meet. John Grogan is the representative for the Parks Commission.

Bob Kennedy reported to Rene Dorr that Chickawaukie Pond should to be retested for algae blooms and sewage contamination. There are to be four sample test sites. Aluminum was added to the pond 4 years ago based on the previous testing.

Rene also informed the Commission of the difficulties in keeping sand at Johnson Memorial Park. The sand keeps eroding into a nearby trench.

May 21, 2015, at 5:00 PM at the recreation center will be the next Parks Commission meeting.

Adjourned at 6:15 PM.