

Parks and Recreation Minutes

December 7, 2023, 5pm Town Office

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting was called to order at 5 pm at the Town Office with Bonnie Sparks, Keith Hamel, Velma Thomas, Yvette Grindle, Gary Edwards, Misty Gleason and Bud Means in attendance.
2. Robert's Rules of Order were reviewed with all committee and following the Rules of Order were agreed upon by all in attendance.
3. Budget Review- Bonnie Sparks has received details regarding available funds in asset accounts for 2023. There are funds for each park location allocated. Planning for the 2024 budget recommendations was tabled to be discussed at our January meeting. Priorities for the 2024 budget include improvements to Sumner Park, Sullivan Daze and Gordan's Wharf improvements.
4. Guest Presentations at future meetings
There was discussion regarding collaboration in the future with other Sullivan organizations including Sullivan/Sorrento Rec Center, Taunton Bay and Frenchman Bay Preserve. No present action determined.

OLD BUSINESS:

BRIEF UPDATES:

1. Update on Benches and Tables – The Select Board has approved building of all remaining picnic tables and benches requested in Previous meetings which are in process of construction and delivery. There has also been approval for additional benches and picnic Tables to be built and delivered in the spring. There was discussion of appropriate foundations for the installation which was tabled until we are closer to actual installation in spring, but needs consideration in 2024 budget.
2. Summer 2024 Camp Collaboration – Bonnie Sparks shared discussion she had with CCAR who has expressed interest to collaborate with Our committee and Friends of Taunton Bay to initiate camps for kids in summer. They have an educator and curriculum to make it possible. Discussion tabled for future review and consideration.
3. Sumner Park Improvement – Bonnie Sparks shared progress made pruning junipers and her interest to contact the Daily family in regard to a willow tree that is nearly dead that was donated in memory of a family member. The committee agrees replacement of the tree to be in the best interest of the park and respect to the family. Action-Bonnie will contact the family for future consideration. There was discussion regarding development of wheel chair accessible paths to be considered in the future, placement of a bench

In the garden zone and a rain barrel to assist with watering. All tabled for budget review.

4. Parks and Rec SURVEY – Bonnie Sparks submitted photos of each park to augment the value of the survey in development

To be available on Facebook and town website. Discussion tabled for next meeting when Ray Weinstraub is present.

SULLIVAN DAZE PLANNING INITIATIVE

1. Identification of committee structure- After extensive discussion about involvement of additional volunteer support, additional Outreach for support from community including experienced Sullivan DAZE committee members in the past, it was clear that Involvement of the entire Parks and Rec Committee for the first year would be needed to begin to execute the many exciting Ideas shared so far. Subcommittees will be needed for Food, Entertainment, Events, Parade, etc. Further discussion tabled for Dec 12 planning meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.