

Town of Rowe
Park Commission Online Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2020

Old Business:

1. Another article will go in the May Goal Post asking that all applications for summer youth employment be received no later than May 8, 2020. To date there have only been two applications received. There was a brief discussion about whether there would be any programs this summer but decided we would move forward as if there would be until being advised otherwise by the authorities on the matter of the pandemic.
2. Kate Peppard will be offering online Zoom yoga classes free to any interested Rowe residents. These will take place on Tuesdays from 9-10 AM and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM until the end of May. Anyone interested in joining can contact Sean at the Park for more information. Instructions on how to access zoom.us can be found on the Town Website.
3. The park has received a Mohawk Woodlands Partnership Grant for the 2020 year ending June 30, 2020. The Select Board accepted a bid for the project from Long View Forest Management. The project will begin in April and be completed by June 30th. The scope of the project is to complete an assessment and develop a plan for the park property that will improve the forest's climate resilience.

New Business:

1. It was agreed that the Park Department would like to apply for another round of Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Grants for the 2021 cycle. Many good ideas were discussed for possible projects and were narrowed down to a boardwalk in the wetlands near the Meadow Trail or a series of kiosks at several trail heads with important information for participants and new and replacement trail signs. There would be an updated trail map as well, if allowed under the scope of the project. The Park Manager will research the approximate cost of each. One project will be picked as soon as possible as the grant is due in June.
2. The Select Board's policy on paying nonessential employees during the Covi-19 outbreak was discussed. The Park Manager continues to work and is able to social distance as he works alone, the yoga instructor will conduct online classes until facilities can be safely opened, the fitness instructor will be asked to continue to work from home on various projects to be used at the fitness center to improve information and functioning once the facility is open.
3. Fitness Center rules for usage will be added to the Park's Rules and Regulations.
4. The Manager's Report was discussed (see attached). Highlights were: A new stone fire pit by the pavilion will be completed soon. New signs are being made for the new Dead Moose trail. Spring clean up of trails is ongoing. Replacement split rails have been purchased and will be installed. New beach stickers and guest passes will be purchased for the summer season. Covid-19 updates are: the bathrooms will be locked per order

of the Board of Health, swings have been removed, the structure has been taped off to prevent use at this time. Restrictions will be lifted when the Board of Health determines it will be is safe to do so.

Respectfully Submitted by;
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