

Town of Rowe Park Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2021
6:30 PM
Online Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Chris "Selmi" Hyytinen (Park Commissioner), Hannah Poplawski (Park Commissioner), and Sean Loomis (Park Manager)

Called to Order: 6:32 PM

Approval of March and May Park Meeting Minutes by roll-call vote: Laurie Pike-yes, Chris "Selmi" Hyytinen-yes, and Hannah Poplawski-yes

We have a Park staff of 8 people this summer. There are 6 park workers and 2 lifeguards. Also, this summer we have an additional 5 workers from the Grasshopper Program. Some of the projects that they will work on this summer include replacing and building boardwalks on the Beach Trail, finishing the trail from the North West View on Adams Mountain over to connect with the White Tail Deer Trail, repair various bridges throughout, replace drainage ditches for erosion control, and general maintenance of clearing trails and rerouting erosion issues. A Trail Assessment has been funded for this fiscal year for a plan for improvement and enhancement of the trail system. A new updated trail map will be part of the assessment with a key to identify various physical features. Also, the map will note that usage of the park is at one's own risk. These and other information about the Park will be displayed on a series of kiosks to be completed and installed at trail heads in the near future.

New trail signs were installed last summer and will be completed this summer. More cedar will be purchased to finish the project.

School of Choice Families will once again be invited to use the Park Monday through Friday throughout the summer season. This is for immediate family members only and does not include guests outside of the immediate family. A letter will go home to families before the end of the school year. School Choice Families will receive a color-coded guest pass with their family name on it as their pass into the park. A meeting with Rowe Camp will take place soon to go over the policy for use of the beach by Rowe Campers. It will remain as in the past with 10 campers, 1 staff and 1 lifeguard accompanying the campers at a time. There will not be any all-camp usage of the beach area at this time.

There will be two senior picnics this summer. Reservations will be requested and food may be picked up to go or eaten at the park. These will be announced in the Goal Post and with a town-wide call.

A Patterns in Nature Program for children will take place on August 3rd from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM. Interested participants will be asked to sign-up in advance.

The new playground will take approximately 4 weeks to install. Therefore, it has been decided on the recommendation of the Park Manager that installation will be scheduled to begin in the fall towards the end of September into October to avoid interruptions during the busy summer season.

After comparing costs for tree removal in the park for the approved special project it was decided to go with Mr. Niles if the town librarian approved of the work which he did for the library. A motion was made and seconded to award the contract to Mr. Niles he receives a good report by the librarian. Roll-call vote: Laurie Pike -yes, Chris Hyytinen-yes, Hannah Poplawski-yes.

There will be new stickers and guest passes for this year. The summer staff will have a list of residents and taxpayers to verify and check off who has received them. Town's people will need to come to the park and request a sticker if they are a taxpayer or resident of Rowe. One guest pass will be given to each household in Rowe to be used on a daily basis by a guest and then returned to the owner.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM
Respectfully Submitted by,
Laurie Pike
Park Commissioner

June 7, 2021 Park Meeting Minutes were approved at the July 6, 2021 Park meeting by roll-call vote.