

Open Space & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

5/25/17

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Present: Noel Mann, Patti Amaral, Charlie Crowley, John McElhenny, Heidi Wakeman, Steve Winslow

1: INTRO/ADMINISTRATIVE

Charlie moves to accept minutes of April meeting, Patti seconds, all in favor.

2: FUTURE PLAN

A) Open Space Survey: Steve brought paper copies of Google Forms Survey and results (297 so far). There was discussion about how to get more responses including: LCC, Fishermen Youth Soccer, Gloucester Little League. We are planning a community meeting in the fall to discuss results and plan.

B) Land Inventory: Steve has to suspend some of his work on Open Space (due to funding restrictions). Noel & Charlie can work with the city to make an updated land inventory. Charlie said he can fill in data on inventory.

3: GRANT STATUS

A) Patti invited OSRC to Mattos Field Celebration on 6/7 at 7:30. The lights have been tested, flagpole ordered, and the scoreboard is in process of being proofed. Money is being raised for benches, now. Steve met with Ryan Marques about backstops.

B) CPC Updates: Heidi had not been to a meeting recently, but she shared that the applications regarding open space/recreation were all positively received. There was some discussion & suggestions: Why not take applications in September to be in better sync with the City Council & budget?

Burnham's Field Update: Weston Sampson did electrical design and the path/walkway is next in line.

4: OTHER UPDATES

A) Green Street Park: YMCA may come to a meeting to be a formal steward to that park

B) North Gloucester: Charlie said "If parcels are 'taken', the city of Gloucester can sell them. Conservation restriction is the way to go and we should get the city behind it." (Conservation restriction is permanent protection.)

5: Noel motioned to adjourn meeting, Charlie seconded, all in favor.

Next meeting: 7/27 at 6:30, Stage Fort Park.

Respectfully submitted, Heidi Wakeman, temporary notetaker