

The Waltham Recreation Board held a Special Meeting on September 6, 2019 at the Waltham Recreation Department, 510 Moody St, Waltham, MA 02453.

Present were: Wayne Cook, John Graceffa Jennie Scafidi, Richard Scanlon, Gary Vallerand and Jerry Walker. Absent were Tom Creonte, Patricia Curtin, and Stacey Tully.

Also present were Director, Nick Abruzzi and Assistant Director, Kim Scott.

Chairperson Richard Scanlon called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview the final candidates for the position of Park Ranger. Director Abruzzi explained there were several qualified candidates with a variety of experience. A selection committee including; Director Abruzzi, Assistant Director Scott, Chairman Richard Scanlon, Board Member Gary Vallerand and Human Resource Director Kristen Murphy conducted screening interviews and the top two candidates were recommended to the Recreation Board for a final interview.

Director Abruzzi introduced the two candidates to the Board and asked them to provide an overview of their background. The Board then questioned both candidates and thanked each of them for their presentations. At the conclusion of both interviews, the Board reflected on their strengths and discussed the applicants at great length.

A motion was made to offer Adam Green the position of Park Ranger by Wayne Cook and seconded by John Graceffa.

A roll call was requested for the vote to recommend Adam Green for the position of Park Ranger.

Board Member	Yes	No
Jennie Scafidi	X	
John Graceffa	X	
Jerry Walker	X	
Gary Vallerand		X
Wayne Cook	X	
Richard Scanlon	X	
	5 votes	1 vote

Director's Report:

Graverson Playground - Director Abruzzi drew the Boards attention to a letter written to the Conservation Commission from Carolyn Cooney & Associates (CCA). The final "as built" drawings for Graverson Playground were recently provided by the contractor, Green Acres Landscape Corporation, to Cooney & Associates and there is concern regarding the final contours of the Park. CCA is working with the contractor as well as the Conservation Commission to come to an agreed upon resolution. Director Abruzzi stated that he has communicated with the City's Law Department regarding this situation.

37 Andrea Road – In the Board's folder is a letter from the resident of 37 Andrea Road. The owner is requesting the Board considers selling a parcel of land between his property and the parking lot for Nipper Maher Park. A survey of the property and pictures were provided. A site visit will be held prior to the September 18, 2019 Board Meeting to view the area.

Lowell Field/Temporary Lights – The Waltham Football and Cheer Organization has recently relocated their practices to Lowell Field. The organization is challenged with balancing the safety of practices and the changing sunset times. The organization has requested the use of temporary lights, until 8:30 p.m. Lowell Field currently has lighting at the Tennis and Basketball Courts. At this time there is no other option for the group to utilize.

A motion to approve temporary lights at Lowell Field on a trial basis was made by Gary Vallerand and seconded by Jerry Walker. All were in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Cook and seconded by Jerry Walker. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly A. Scott
Assistant Director