

The Waltham Recreation Board held their Special Meeting July Board meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at the Waltham Recreation Department, 510 Moody St, Waltham, MA 02453.

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

Also present was Assistant Director, Kim Scott.

Vice Chairperson Jerry Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The first item on the agenda was the Park Design presented by Carolyn Cooney & Associates. Carolyn Cooney presented the improvement design for Lowell Field. The improved design for Lowell Field included: standard size basketball court, three tennis courts, pickleball courts, and street hockey court. These courts would have lighting. An updated ages 2 – 5 play structure as well as a 5 – 12 play structure with rubberized surfacing and a spray park were included. Other amenities included a 1/6-mile walking path, open field space, shade pavilions with benches, bocce court, adult fitness equipment and new perimeter fencing. The Clivus unit (bathroom) will be relocated to compliment the new footprint of the park.

A request was made from the Parks-Recreation Board to add striping to the tennis courts with pickleball lines as well as adding a guard rail along the parking area on Bennett Street.

A motion to approve the Lowell Field improvement designs with the requested modifications including pickleball lines on the tennis courts and a guard rail along the parking area on Bennett Street was made by Wayne Cook and seconded by Stacey Tully. All were in favor.

The next item on the agenda was the Park Design presented by NESRA Engineering. Mr. Arsen Hambarzumian present the design plans for the approximately 120 acres of Fernald Property (Parcel 1 and 2A-1) under the care, custody and control of the Recreation Department. Improvements would include universal playground, spray park, parking areas, an electric train, mini golf, sledding/tubing area, picnic area, memorial/reflective areas, skating path, amphitheater, flower gardens, walking/biking paths, and open green spaces. An athletic area including pickleball, basketball, tennis, turf field with lights, grass field, frisbee golf and driving range were also included. Mr. Hambarzumian noted this design plan was for land only and building improvements would be in a different project. Mr. Hambarzumian noted that the as parcels 1 and 2A-1 will be cleaned and cleared of invasive species; a large percent of the land will be left natural. An exact percent of natural land is currently being calculated.

The Parks-Recreation Board questions to NESRA Engineering included emergency communication locations, accessible parking locations, Clivus units (bathrooms) installation and how the daylighting project would not include organized or permitted water activities.

A motion to approve the Park Design for the Fernald Property was made by Gary Vallerand and seconded by Tricia Curtin. All were in favor.

A personnel matter was the next item on the agenda. Vice Chairperson Walker drew the Parks-Recreation Board's attention to the one candidate for the position of the Waltham Recreation Department Director position, Assistant Director Kim Scott. The Parks-Recreation Board

acknowledged that Ms. Scott has worked for the Waltham Recreation Department since 2001. She has been involved in many aspects of the Department and has most recently held the position as the Assistant Director since 2017.

A motion to approve Ms. Kim Scott as the Director of the Waltham Recreation Department was made by Wayne Cook and seconded by John Graceffa. All were in favor.

**Roll Call**

Wayne Cook	Yes
Tom Creonte	Yes
Patricia Curtin	Yes
John Graceffa	Yes
Jennie Scafidi	Absent
Richard Scanlon	Absent
Stacey Tully	Yes
Gary Vallerand	Yes
Jerry Walker	Yes

**Other Business**

Found in the Parks-Recreation Board folder is a communication from the City of Waltham’s Law Department, notifying Boards and Commissions effective July 15, 2022 the option for a virtual meeting expired.

Also found in the Parks-Recreation Board folder is a post from social media “Only in Boston” web site, acknowledging Bobby Connors Playground as one of the nicest neighborhood playground.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Creonte and seconded by Wayne Cook. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Scott

Assistant Director