



Town of Tewksbury MINUTES

Committee: Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022

Time: 6:00PM

Location: Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA Large meeting room

Members present: Karyn Sliva, Paige Impink, Bruce Shick, Jennifer Balch-Kenney, Tom Branchaud, Peter Chase, JW Buckley

Members absent:

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 PM

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

The minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Jenni reported that she is presenting to the Conservation Commission on March 23, 2022 to offer the two open space marker designs. The markers will identify conservation land in the town, They are not trail markers. Tom asked what our next steps are and do we have the budget to order. Bruce said we do based on grant money that was not used earlier.

The Park of the month project was discussed. Tom explained that Robert Hayes from the TPL had reached out about trail walks to complement the Outdoor theme of the summer reading program. The subcommittee met Tuesday with Robert and exchanged ideas and details. Robert will follow up with further action items. 8 walks from June-August on Saturday mornings will be planned. Attendance will be limited for hearing and parking considerations. No dogs allowed on the organized walks. Tom also talked about additional activities to promote a park each month, including collecting info on the plants, animals, and history of each location. Tom will reach out to Telemedia to ask about video taping a condensed segment on each park. Geocaches, letterboxes, and trial apps will also be discussed. Trail features such as boardwalk and benches will also be noted. Jenni mentioned some outreach is required by the Municipal Vulnerability preparedness planning group and might be able to be involved.

Subcommittee reports: Grants: No update Recreation: JW reported that there was a positive reception by Scott Consaul and Betsy Schwechheimer at the TSH regarding a disc golf course. Scott will reach out to DCR. JW is also in contact with the prospective course designer.

Jenni will look for a Saturday in April that the committee can tour the GROW greenhouses.
Clean Up Day is May 7, 2022 in conjunction with the Beautification Committee.

Old Business: Bruce reported that the benches will be fully funded by the Eagle scout. As such, the Tareila Grant will be used for another outreach purpose which will be the interpretive signs. Peter will get a quote for the panels and posts and we will start that process.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:09 PM

Next meeting: Date: April 14, 2022

Time: 6:00PM

Place: Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Paige Impink, Clerk

Minutes approved by Committee on: 04/14/2022

Documents: Documents shared on screen may be viewed in the Office of Community Development.