

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting - AUGUST 31, 2020

Members Present: Tania Lillak (Chair), Richard Smith, Sarah Koch, Sierra Muñoz, Marzie Galazka (Dir Community & Economic Development), Molly O'Connell (Senior Planner)

Not present: Tonia Bandrowicz (Vice Chair), Verena Karsten, Angela Ippolito, Danielle Strauss (Recreation Director)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by Tania Lillak.

Minute taker: Sarah

1. August 11, 2020 Minutes: Sierra made, Richard seconded, and the Committee unanimously approved a motion to adopt the August 11, 2020 minutes.
2. School Building Committee:
 - Group discussed the School Building options as it relates to Open Space and Recreation and 9 priorities were identified:
 - No loss of open space in Swampscott (i.e. If Stanley option is chosen, Hadley is converted to open space)
 - Prioritize reduction of environmental impact through energy efficiency
 - Maximize square footage of outdoor space/play area per student (as well as through construction period)
 - Playground preservation at Hadley site
 - Sustainable transportation: preference for walkability and busing
 - Factor in costs, financial & environmental, to building in close proximity to wetlands (i.e. Middle School)
 - Factor in costs of disrupting recreation facilities (i.e. tennis courts)
 - Prioritize sites that maximize outdoor and environmental education in existing open spaces (woods, ocean, nature trails, etc)
 - Consider with construction: outdoor classrooms, green roof, organic lawns, school gardens, natural playscapes, porous parking lots

ACTION ITEM: Tania will write letter to SBC with Toni's help and send to the committee to review.

3. 2020 OSRPC Plan:
 - Molly updated airtable - 75 goals, added 'new' to the beginning of the new goals

ACTION ITEM: Molly will send out airtable link for committee members; please review and provide feedback to Molly

- Survey result priorities:
 - Open space maintenance
 - Beaches
 - Walkability
 - Will have formal plan posted on town website for comments and other town committees need to provide letters of support
4. Johnson Park: Marzie held outdoor forum with neighbors and design company presented 3 options
 5. Rail Trail Ribbon Cutting scheduled for Sept 15th at 10AM
 6. Confirmation of next meeting date – Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.