

May 10, 2021

Fm: Park Ranger

To: Board of Selectman

Cc: Parks & Rec. Commission, Public Works, Finance, Resident Trooper

Re: April Parks/Trails Report

Patrolling of Parks & Checking for Compliance

Eight Patrols were conducted in April at the following parks: Matthies Park, Riverbend, Toby's Pond and Pent Road.

Matthies Park

Bob Egan, Steve Moffat, and I viewed the fish stocking on Thursday, April 22nd., in preparation for the fishing rodeo that was scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. To assure that no fishing would take place prior to the rodeo; park patrols were doubled from that day and continued through Friday afternoon; Steve Moffat camped out overnight on Friday night to assure compliance.

On my patrols on Sunday, April 25th. and Monday April 26th a total of four individuals were asked to leave the park because they were non-residents (West Haven & New York); two of the individuals also had no fishing license.

The fishing rodeo provided the opportunity to unveil our message centers; lots of positive feedback. Two of the six message centers remain closed as noted in my previous email to all.

(Update) Steve Moffat has informed me that the message center located at the south end of Carrington Pond is now uncovered. The message center located at the settling pond is still covered and the doors may need to be removed and taken to the shop in order to efficiently/effectively remove the protective material bonded to the Plexiglas.

Published fishing rodeo information and message center opening announcement on several town Facebook sites and town website.

Work Order Request to PW's

Paint the speed bump (Safety Yellow) at the park entrance; several people have mentioned to me that the speed bump is not recognizable and jolts the car when going over it because it's not clearly defined.

Bernard Matthies House

Reviewed the proposal from Doug Nick Construction (See attached), which would entail repairs and other work that would make the house secure and more resistant to the weather. The total price for labor and materials is \$7375.00 which falls in line with my previous guesstimate of \$10,000.00 that I requested. Hopefully the proposal will be approved and we can proceed with the much-needed repairs.

Toby's Pond

Although road millings have been discussed for some time, along with several emails; nothing has materialized to fix the large pothole under the trestle. A plan of action needs to be taken as to whether we are going to use the millings or some other form of aggregate, along with a maintenance plan to preclude future issues.

Work Order Request to PW's

Add some type of aggregate to fill the large hole at the park entrance, under the trestle. There has been talk going on for some time in using the road millings but that hasn't materialized to date.

Riverbend Park

Nothing to report.

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