

July 12, 2021

Fm: Park Ranger

To: Board of Selectman

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

Re: Parks/Trails Report

Patrolling of Parks & Checking for Compliance

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

Matthies Park

I was informed by PW's (Rob Pruzinsky) on Friday 07/09/21 and later by BFPD that same day, that an individual had erected a tent on the orange trail, near the Settling Pond. BFPD had the individual dismantle the tent and leave the park.

Pent Road Rec. Park

On Saturday 07/10/21, I was contacted by the Parks & Rec. Chairperson to unlock the back gate by the baseball field because the gate was not unlocked by BFPD as scheduled. Unfortunately, I missed the call, so he obtained the key from PW's and drove to the park and unlocked the gate to allow the fireworks contractor to set up.

Toby's Pond

On Friday 07/09/21, I was requested by the Parks & Rec. Chairperson to remove anyone from the park and lock the gate entry until further notice. The closure was related to concerns of flooding due to tropical storm Elsa.

Addendum: I contacted BFPD (Bryan Camarata), and informed him that the gate is locked until further notice and to pass this information down to the other shifts and that I would contact BFPD once the flooding issue is over and then proceed with gate openings/closures as scheduled. On Saturday afternoon 07/10/21, I happen to see a post on Facebook that Toby's Pond is open; surprised by this; I drove to the park and verified that the gate is open! I'm guessing that the word was not passed down from watch to watch. I informed the Parks & Rec. Chairperson about the issue and left the gate open because the flooding issue never materialized, in addition to the number of vehicles parked in the area.

Riverbend Park

Nothing to report.

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