

To: Freeport Town Council

From: Neil Lyman, Winslow Park Manager

Regarding: Winslow Park and Campground Covid Operations

Winslow Park, like all other public facilities, is trying to find a balance between maintaining the safety of users and staff and providing open public recreation space. Currently we have limited parking and are now monitoring the beach as it has become very busy. The bathrooms, Playground and shelters are closed. My hope is that as some other public recreation spots open this coming week it will allow folks to spread out a little.

Our biggest concern with opening up and going forward lies with the public restroom facilities. They see heavy use and all bathrooms share air circulation. They are already single use, so that is a positive. They would require, at a minimum, extra cleaning and postings for day users and campers about safety precautions. If we are to go forward with opening the campground, my other recommendations would be:

- Limit sites to every other one to maintain space and limit people in the park.
- Self check in at a bulletin board at the gate. We would drive around in the evening and take note of who is in the park and who has left.
- No patrons in the gatehouse. Perhaps cash only in a bucket and return clean change? I would need to rig some sort of a window or staff would meet users at their car.
- Extra sterilizing of the bathrooms.
- Continue limited day use visitors.
- Bring your own trash to the dumpsters.
- Reservations for Maine residents only at this time. Any reservations from out of state would be immediately canceled unless they have spoken with someone on staff and proven 14 day quarantine.

Currently we are working with extremely limited staff. Some of the customer service staff for the gatehouse have voiced concern in returning at this time. Opening in a larger capacity would require at least a couple weeks to get things situated. We could let seasonal campers from in state a little sooner as most are more self-contained in their units.

I look forward to more discussion as we move forward.

Thanks,

Neil