



Ralph G. Snow, P.E., *Commissioner*

TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Ralph Snow, P.E., Commissioner

DATE: April 17, 2019

RE: 12/14/2018 Motion C. Conway – Request City Manager Provide a Report Regarding the Joseph Cady Bicycle Race Held at Shedd Park on 11/18/2018; include estimated costs to repair the damaged areas of the route to its original condition

City officials met with Boston Road Club to discuss the restoration at Shedd Park from damage incurred as a result of the Boston Road Club Cyclocross Race held on November 18, 2018. Members of the Boston Road Club consulted with professional landscapers and then undertook restoration of the course. The course was recently walked with City officials including the City Engineer, the Superintendent of Parks and the DPW Commissioner. A second walk was conducted with Councilor Conway, the Lowell High Cross Country Track Coach, the Superintendent of Parks and the DPW Commissioner. All are in agreement that the damage caused during the race has been repaired. All of the ruts have been backfilled with topsoil and raked out. Damaged areas were reseeded and will be monitored for growth as the growing season gets underway. Any areas requiring more attention will be reseeded by members of the Boston Road Club and will be monitored until sufficient grass has been regrown.

The City separately consulted with a private landscaper to understand the estimated costs to repair the remaining damaged areas. The estimated cost of repairs if done by a landscaper is \$2,650.

Please feel free to contact either myself or the Superintendent of Parks if you have any questions regarding this motion response.

Cc: Shannon Cohan, Superintendent of Parks