

Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2019 [Approved 05-1-2019](#)

Meeting began at approx. 6:39 pm

Present: Ryan M., Ronalee P., Sean T., Mike C., Lisa D., Leigh-Anne D.

Guests: Jim Shorey, Lisa Pearson

New Business

Review/Vote to approve minutes from March 13, 2019

Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes, Ronalee seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved as written.

Review/Vote to Approve Updated Field Use Policy and Fees

Ronalee made a motion to approve the Updated Field Use Policy and Fees, Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor, Updated Field Use Policy approved as written.

Triton Youth Lacrosse – Use of Mower

Jim Shorey asked the Commission if there would be enough room to move the football field over 7 feet. Lisa Pearson showed Jim a plan of Partridge Brook Park with the playground super imposed onto it. It shows the original football field, which is larger than Jim needs so there's plenty of space for the extra seven feet. Jim also asked if a DPW mower could be left at the field so that he could mow the field himself. Lisa DeMeo denied that request because the DPW only has 2 mowers and each is used regularly by the DPW crew. Also, she could not guarantee that the mower would be in good condition if left there due to possible vandalism.

Mike and Lisa Pearson were at the field the other day to look at the damage done by the dirt bikes. Lisa Pearson requested that signs be placed at the field defining the rules for field usage. She believed the signs would also enable the police to enforce those rules. Lisa DeMeo said that she and Ray Cote would be out at the park on Thursday for another purpose and would check the damage to the field at that time.

Northeast Hurricanes – Care for Lions Park for year

Leigh-Anne mentioned that at the March 13th meeting, Dean Borrelli, President of the Northeast Hurricanes, had suggested that they could take over the care for the Lions Park for the entire year. She explained that they would be responsible for opening and closing of the fields, mowing, and whatever else needed to be done. Mike said that the in-kind services have not worked in the past and he did not believe that the Commission should allow the Northeast Hurricanes to care for the fields. Sean concurred and added that teams take advantage of this practice by monopolizing the fields so they are not available to other sports organizations. All

the Commission members agreed that the Northeast Hurricanes will not be responsible for caring for Lions Park this year.

Tortoise and the Hare – 2019

Ronalee reported the pre-registration tickets were at 75 a week ago. A handful of those pre-registered received free admission due to an issue at last year's race. Ryan retained 10 volunteers for the Tortoise and the Hare this year. He listed each of their names and Ronalee wrote them down. Ronalee remarked that many of them are from the track and field and cross country teams so that will be helpful.

Lisa DeMeo said that Chuck St Cyr from the DPW will be assisting at the event. He will be helping Ronalee lay out the course with cones and signs early on Saturday morning. Local traffic only signs will also be placed on the course for the safety of the participants.

Lisa Pearson reported that the chocolate bunnies will be awarded with the prizes. Ronalee asked for other ideas to go along with the bagels being donated. She will buy the cream cheese and peanut butter for the bagels. Mike suggested purchasing deli meats and having the seniors make up the sandwiches on Friday. Ronalee requested that the Commission members stop by local restaurants requesting donations of food for the race. The donator could have a sign posted for PR and take out menus can be passed out. Ronalee said instead of purchasing bottled water this year, the Commission would use gator jugs. The water will remain cold and can be refilled as necessary.

Easter Egg Hunt – 2019

Ryan gave Ronalee the list of 7 volunteers who will be working at the Easter Egg Hunt. There were only a couple of girls on the list so Lisa Pearson will be asking Hazel to assist with the face painting since the boys participating would not want to work in that area of the event. Ronalee asked the Commission to bring cupcakes, donut holes and pretzels. Mike would be bringing the gator jug for lemonade and Lisa Pearson had one set for water. Ronalee was given the gift cards and would be purchasing the paper goods and decorations. She will also be using the gift cards for the Tortoise and the Hare needs.

Davis Bates – Performer for Events

Leigh-Anne gave the Commission members a flyer from Davis Bates who is a local performer. She said that Davis was reaching out to communities to extend his services for any future events.

Pickle Ball

Ronalee will contact the local Pickle Ball Ambassador regarding a grand opening of the pickle ball court at Lions Park.

Other Business

Leigh-Anne gave the Commission members a letter from Kathy Manson who is a resident interested in hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Shriners Children's Hospital. She would like to reserve Lions Park on September 14, 2019 for this event. Mike suggested that Kathy be invited to the next meeting to discuss the event and all it entails.

Old Business

Beach Field

Mike said Greg Harrison, Henry Richard and himself along with the baseball league will donate equipment and volunteer to convert the little league field to a softball field if the Parks and Recreation Commission will purchase all the materials. Ronalee said Karen Snow, Finance Director, wants the \$30,000 from Tidewater off the books. Lisa Pearson can apply for grants with lights and irrigation.

Lions Park

Mike reported that there is a hole in the dugout ceiling that is about 2 feet around on the visitor's side. Lisa DeMeo said she only has 3 guys on the crew right now but repairing the vertical posts in the dugout is second on the list.

Partridge Brook Park Concession Stand

Lisa Pearson is looking for a plumber to complete the water hook-up at the concession stand. At the same time, she and Lisa DeMeo want to put in the irrigation which will be a dual system using the pond as a second resource. Lisa DeMeo is concerned that there will not be enough water pressure without the pond water to draw on. She said that Pennichuck will need the specs for the system being put in so that they can determine what is needed for the dual system.

Other Business - None

Meeting ended at approximately 8:33 p.m.