

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2019 [Approved 03-13-2019](#)

Meeting began at approx. 6:55 pm

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

Absent: Lisa D., Sean T.

Guests: Lisa Pearson, Angelica Medina

New Business

Review/Vote to approve minutes from January 16, 2019

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

North Shore Performance Training Program

Tim Cadieux was unable to attend due to a family emergency. He will be reaching out to Leigh-Anne and sending the presentation to her. Leigh-Anne told the Commission members present that she would forward all information to them as soon as it is received.

Ryan asked for details on what the training program would encompass. Leigh-Anne replied that the target group is Salisbury children who do not participate in sports activities. The trainers would be teaching the children to stretch properly, exercise and participate in other physical activities geared toward their abilities and talents. This program is designed to give Salisbury children healthy, outside, physical activities. Ronalee stated that the North Shore Performance organization needs to have an answer quickly so that they could start promoting this program in order to have local participants in the spring and summer.

Ryan made a motion to allow the North Shore Performance Training Program to use one of the fields for their program this spring and summer. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Tortoise and the Hare – 2019

Lisa P. said that the bunnies (for prizes) have been allocated. Ronalee announced that 50 people have already registered for the race which is about the same amount as last year at this time. Angelica asked if ATG (Alternative Therapies Group) had responded to the donation request from the race. Leigh-Anne said they had not to date. Lisa said that the company is required to give \$50,000 to the Town. These funds are separated between medical and recreational marijuana use with \$25,000 going toward separate non-profit Town entities such as Council for the Aging or Lions Club and \$25,000 going to wherever they ATG wants to donate to. Angelica suggested that one of the Commission members could go to the local restaurants and solicit more donations or gift cards. Ronalee then said that Zelus Beer will be the distributor for the event and that it will be their liquor liability insurance used and not the Towns. Ronalee also informed the Commission members that there are no more mugs so this year Ashley from High5 is looking into bottle openers with the event logo on them to be used as prizes.

Easter Egg Hunt – 2019

Leigh-Anne will be getting food and awards for the event and Ryan will be in charge of the volunteers. Leigh-Anne reported that the Salisbury Elementary School has been reserved. Mike said that Elizabeth Hurley will be the Easter Bunny for the event. Angelica suggested that one of the Commission members speak to the PTA about making baskets that could be raffled off at the event. She said that it seemed in the past that more people were interested in a raffle than the Easter Egg Hunt than they have been at the Tortoise and the Hare. Ryan added that there is a night stay at the Hampton Inn in Amesbury and a river cruise pass available to raffle. Ronalee countered that the Commission seemed to do better with the donation can than with the raffles unless there are more items to raffle off. Angelica suggested that a new picture of the park be placed by the can as well. People may donate more.

Prioritizing Projects – Progress and new projects

Ryan proposed that the Commission have a separate meeting to discuss the projects and how to prioritize projects to be done on the fields. Mike would like to see funds being earmarked for maintenance. The Commission members agreed to revisit this topic after the Tortoise and the Hare road race event.

Revolving Fund/Donation Account

Ronalee made a motion giving the Chair permission to write a letter in reference to separating out the Revolving Fund and Donation account, Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Other Business

Lisa P. brought up the idea of having a road race during the Salisbury Days and possibly having High5 run it. Ronalee said that she would have to speak to Ashley about it. Lisa also thought that it could be held at the beach instead of the Town Common.

Leigh-Anne informed the Commission members present that there was an issue with the payment not being received from Jason Desrochers of the Triton Youth Soccer League. She told the Commission members that he has spoken to Leigh-Anne via phone and was upset about this. He told Leigh-Anne that he would check with his bank to determine the status of the check. Jason would then, stop by the DPW office and discuss the matter in the morning. Leigh-Anne stated that she would email the Commission regarding the resolution to this situation.

Lisa suggested that the trail clean-up be scheduled for the same date as the field clean up so that the volunteers can be pooled.

Lisa showed the Commission members the proposed playground which will be placed at Partridge Brook Park. The playground equipment will be placed in phases. She is currently working on getting Timberland volunteers come build the playground so that it will be complete prior to the end of the school year. Lisa is also applying for a Kaboom Grant. This is a multi-phase, multi-community project Lisa said. Ronalee interjected that this project should be started in April in order to be completed this year. Lisa agreed and said that she needs to speak with Andy Burger about purchasing the equipment. She will then be coordinating with Timberland because their Earth Day is in May instead of April.

Old Business

Beach Field

Angelica requested clear direction in regard to the bid for transforming the beach baseball field to a softball field. She said that Ray Cote, DPW Foreman, wants it done in August. Mike however, would like the bid to go out as soon as possible so that the field could be used in the summer. Mike also suggested that the field fence be moved out toward the marsh effectively blocking balls from going into the marsh. Angelica requested that Mike get her exact measurements for the fields and other items that should go into the bid.

Lions Park

Ryan spoke with the art teacher at the high school and said that she was on board with having her students work on the mural. He requested more than one design vision. The art teacher will be deciding which class would be working on the project and arrange the schedule accordingly. Mike suggested that the side wall of the bathroom also be added to the mural. Ronalee would like the mural finished by May 30, 2019. Ryan said the work would be done during the school day since Triton now has busses to shuttle them back and forth.

Angelica said that Lisa P. is applying for a grant to pay for cameras at both Lions Park and Partridge Brook Park which will be wired directly to the police station.

Partridge Brook Park Concession Stand

Lisa P. will coordinate with the school about the utilities being set for the concession stand at the park as soon as she gets approval from National Grid. There will be a wash sink in the stand but no stove. There will be no storage available for the sports leagues in the stand either. Ryan asked if there would be outlets available and Ronalee said yes there would be. Lisa told the Commission members that they needed to think about who would be running the stand once it is in place. She made some suggestions such as the baseball or football leagues or even the PTA. Angelica asked about the locks that will be used for the concession stand. Lisa had made no decisions on the locks at this point.

Other Business -

Lisa P. informed the Commission members present that the Gaga Ball Pit will be put in this spring. Due to some untimely delays Liam Gately, Eagle Scout Candidate, faced, he was unable to get approval from the Eagle Board until it was too late to work on it last fall.

Meeting ended at approximately 8:37 p.m.