

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2020 **Approved 3-3-2020**

Meeting began at approx. 6:36 pm

Present: Ryan M., Mike C., Ronalee R., Sean T., Lisa D., Angelica M.

Absent: Leigh-Anne Dufour

Guests: Jim Linley

**New Business**

Review/Vote to approve minutes from January 7, 2020

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

Jim Linley- Beach Field Concert, Salisbury Days 2020

Sean stated that Lisa Pearson sent an email regarding a potential concert at the Beach Field during Salisbury Days 2020. Jim Linley is looking to get the Commission's permission to use the Beach Field. Mr. Linley told the Commission that he helps to put on the family movie nights at the beach during the summer. They desperately need a new screen, which costs between three to four thousand dollars. The concert would be a two-day event. The profits from the first night would benefit the Fold of Honor and the second night would benefit youth activities and beach improvements. Mr. Linley stated his goal for the second night would be to make enough money to purchase a new projector screen, and an electronic scoreboard for the Beach Field. Mr. Linley then went on to say the concert has the potential of drawing four thousand people, which could bring in over two hundred thousand dollars in profit. Lisa D. responded that four thousand people is too big of a number, the beach cannot handle that many people at once. Ronalee agreed with Lisa, stating that Chief Fowler said the concert cannot be bigger than Adam Ezra, which is typically around two to three thousand people. Ronalee then went on to say that she believes that the Commission would approve the use of the field. The next step would be to get the special events permit sign off with public safety signatures. It may be wise to look at having the concert on a different weekend other than Salisbury Days. If the concert was held after Labor Day, more parking may be available. Sean responded that he thinks that this concert is a good idea, and that there is definitely an event to be had. The Commission is in support of this and would definitely allow use of the field, however the public safety sign offs for the special event permit will require certain conditions to be met.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 4, 2020

Ronalee asked Ryan to put in for volunteers from Triton. She also said she will pick up the flyers from Leigh-Anne prior to the Egg Hunt.

Tortoise and the Hare – April 11, 2020

Angelica informed the Commission that Kume in Seabrook sent the Commission another check for one hundred dollars. Leigh-Anne was inquiring as to whether it should be sent back or not. Angelica let the Commission know that Leigh-Anne had reached out to them multiple times, but received no response. Sean responded that Leigh-Anne should send back the check with a letter. Ronalee reported that the Tortoise and the Hare sub committee is scheduled to meet with High5EM on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Ashley has already secured the D.J. and timing company. She is working on getting the beer vendor and one-day liquor license. Sean will have to go in front of the Board of Selectmen for a special events permit.

### Pickleball League

Sean informed the Commission that an email was received in regards to someone looking to set up a pickleball league. Mike responded that the Commission is not into starting leagues. If they ask the Commission can promote it on the social media pages.

### Partridge Brook Park- Move Spring Sports to Memorial Field

Mike stated that he is concerned with flag football using Partridge Brook Park in the spring because there is a lot of work taking place on the fields before June. Work to be performed includes placing the concession stand, and the irrigation. Sean responded that he does not think it would be unreasonable to ask Rage Sports to move fields just for the spring to let the fields rest. Mike agreed, stating that there are less kids enrolled in the flag football league in the spring, and the Commission needs to be conscious of the condition of the field, and the importance of letting it rest so that new grass can grow. If they do not want to move locations, the Commission could look at moving them to the utility field just for the spring. Mike stated he will reach out to Jeff Johnson to discuss this with him. Sean added that in the town he works for, any sports league cannot practice on the field that they play on in the fall. This gives the field a chance to rest. The Commission may want to look at implementing a similar policy. This can be further discussed at the next meeting.

### Family Game Night on Salisbury Beach

Tabled

### Other Business

Mike informed the Commission that Amesbury will be losing their baseball fields. They may reach out to the Commission to book the use of Salisbury fields.

## **Old Business**

### Partridge Brook Park Concession Stand

Ronalee stated that Lisa Pearson informed her that the concession stand was going to be in place before the end of June. Lisa D. disagreed, stating that there has only been one preconstruction meeting with the contractor. She also said that the schedule may be too aggressive. Ronalee responded that according to Lisa Pearson, this has to be done by the end of June because grant money is being utilized to help with the construction.

### Other Business

- a. Ronalee reported that once the rail trails are done being built, the Commission will take over the walking trails located in Salisbury. This was a prior arrangement that was made with Coastal Trails Coalition. Jerry Klima has told her that the Coastal Trails Coalition has around thirty thousand dollars to maintain the walking trails. When they are done being constructed, this money will be handed over to the committee in charge of maintaining the trails. Ronalee thinks that it would be best to establish a sub committee to take care of the walking trails, with one member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be a member of the walking trail committee.
- b. Angelica asked Mike what was going on with the repurposing of the beach field. Mike responded that Greg Harrison is ready to go, and they are just waiting on the weather.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:30 p.m.