

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2019 **Approved 08-8-2019**

Meeting began at approx. 6:33 pm

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

Guests: Shaun Beavers

Absent: Mike C., Lisa D.

New Business

Shaun Beavers – Future Plans for Baseball and Softball League

Shaun asked the Commission members if the league would be charged a fee for the following year. Sean T. said that since the baseball league maintains the field then Shaun could produce invoices for the maintenance costs. The Commission will waive the fee if the league's invoices are equal to or more than the fee itself. Shaun then mentioned that the league is looking to expand and would like to know the status of the some other fields in town. Ronalee said that Partridge Brook Park has space for a couple of ball fields in the future if the need arises but no immediate plans for developing the land right now. Shaun asked about the Memorial Field. He said that the league was looking into adding levels for the league. The league is running minors and majors up at Lions Park and the farm level at the beach. If the Memorial Field were added it could be used for one of the lower levels depending on the dimensions of the field.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from June 5, 2019

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

Review/Vote to approve minutes from July 1, 2019

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

Prioritization of Task Lists

Ronalee asked Ryan to resend the google.doc he created using her work email instead.

Review/Vote - Funds to be used for improvements to Parks – Tabled

Pickle Ball

Ronalee said the Pickle Ball Ambassador from Nashua came to the opening of the pickle ball court. Only 2 people showed up to play pickle ball. Due to the poor turnout, she suggested distributing flyers and advertising on the Parks and Rec Facebook page. Ryan expressed concern about the availability of the pickle ball equipment being stored at the Senior Center. Leigh-Anne explained that the fire department has a key to access the equipment when requested.

Basketball Court – Line Painting and Benches

Ronalee reported that the basketball court at the beach needs to be painted. There are no lines showing boundaries or 3 point shots. Ronalee offered to check with some of her contacts to see if they would be available to paint the lines for the Town. If that is not possible, the Commission will explore other options.

Other Business

Leigh-Anne told the Commission members that there has been some vandalism at Lions Park. The Commission members were aware of it and discussed the possibility of going to the Town to request funds for

decent cameras that would be wired directly to the police station. Leigh-Anne said the police are increasing their patrols in the parks and that there are signs up stating the hours and rules of park use.

Ryan asked the Commission members if they would be using the photo sign again at the Brewfest. He requested time to repaint it prior to the event.

Old Business

Beach Field – Conversion to Softball Field

Shaun asked the Commission members if he could have access to the \$30,000 that has been set aside for the conversion of the Beach field to a softball field. Ronalee told Shaun that the Commission members would be purchasing the materials but needed a list of those items and quantities. She said that volunteers would be doing the labor so any extra funds would be used to add lights and/or irrigation for the field. Sean T. requested that Shaun B. and Mike Colburn get together to create the material list. Shaun mentioned that the backstop at the field needs to be repaired or possibly replaced. Sean said that any materials needed for the backstop should be put on the materials list.

Lions Park – Playground Safety Surfacing

Leigh-Anne reported that Ray Cote, DPW Foreman, spread the wood chips at the playground on Wednesday. Sean confirmed that this project was complete.

Lions Park – Bleachers

Ronalee suggested that the Commission members wait to decide whether the bleachers should be replaced or repaired until a later date.

Status of Seasonal Employee/Mowing Schedule

Ronalee said that the seasonal employee was approved. However, he/she would only be allowed to work under 20 hours per week with no benefits. Not many people would be interested in this position in her estimation.

Partridge Brook Park Concession Stand

Ronalee stated that her brother the architect had completed his portion of the project about 2 weeks ago. All the necessary information was given to Lisa Pearson, Planning Department Director. According to Ronalee, there is a waiting period of 8 weeks after the architect completes his work. That leaves only 6 weeks before the construction can begin. Construction could be completed prior to the start of the fall sports seasons.

Other Business

Sean said that he would be contacting Jeff Johnson of the flag football league regarding field use issues.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:55 p.m.