

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2015 **Approved 08-12-2015**

Meeting began at approx. 6pm

Present: Ronalee P., Courtney M., Mike R., Ryan M., Don L., Angelica M.

Guests: Mary Lou Dower, Hope Dwan, Fred Knowles, Dave Proctor, Raylene Proctor

New Business

Fees for Field/Park Use-Special Olympics

The Special Olympics has been using the field for several years at no charge. They have attended this meeting tonight to discuss their concerns on the fee for the field usage and their inability to pay for it. The group tries to keep costs as low as possible as most of the adults participating live in group homes. The Special Olympics does not give money to help out, all coaches, volunteers, and unified partners make nothing. Because of the rising cost of many events, the group has not been able to participate in state events, and has very little money in their budget. The group has a no fundraising policy as they work under the Newburyport Elks. Ronalee and the Parks and Recreation Commission want to know where the line is drawn. More than just Salisbury residents are participating in this Special Olympics group. With the new park coming there is a need to take in fees for field use to help take the financial burden of the maintenance/upkeep from the tax payers. Policy is policy and it can't be changed for one person, nor should the burden of the maintenance fall all on the DPW of SYSBL because the Commission is not collecting money. Other nonprofits paid for the Lion's Park field and it is not fair to them to make an exception for one group. The Parks and Recreation Commission will vote on being flexible and waiving the fee this year for Special Olympics. Courtney made a motion to waive the fee for Special Olympics this year. Ryan made the second motion.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from 3/10/2015

Motion to approve was made by Courtney, 2nd motion made by Mike.

Veteran's Memorial-Town Common

The Parks and Recreation Commission needs an update of what is happening as far as the relocation of the veterans memorial on the Town Green. Ken Trofatter, former chairperson, was the assigned liaison between the Commission and the Veterans Memorial Committee. Now that he is no longer a member of the Commission we need to find out what is going on with that project. The Commission will send out a letter requesting an update on this project to the Committee and copy the Board of Selectmen.

Brewfest

There is a Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:30 tonight. They will be reviewing the special events permit. Once that is approved, Ronalee will go before the liquor commission to get a one day liquor license. The liquor commission will need to know about crowd control, the purchase of tickets, number of alcohol servings, etc.

Old Business:

Running Club

The Running Club started late this year and couldn't run Evelyn's Run for the Roses 9with the exception of 3 older girls who placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their age group). Jim got money from Saucony for running sneakers. The girls are running the Pat Polletta race on Friday night.

PARC Grant

There should be a check arriving for the Terracycle fundraiser.

Heidi Thompson/Tortoise & Hare 2014

Don is going to talk to the police department about putting this on her credit report. Heidi wrote the check when the account was already closed, which is illegal.

Beach Field

Don believes there are too many projects going on in Salisbury right now. Any work to be done at the Beach Field has to be put on hold until the Spring of 2016.

Volleyball

Volleyball is still going well, not as many people, which is typical for the weather. In the winter there are huge crowds. The Boys and Girls Club found a brand new volleyball net; now a new ball just needs to be purchased.

Meeting ended approximately 7:15 pm