

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2018 **Approved 07-09-2018**

Meeting began at approx. 6:45 pm

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

Absent: Mike A., Sean T.

New Business

Review/Vote to approve minutes from April 30, 2018 - Tabled

Review/Vote to approve minutes from May 21, 2018 - Tabled

Pickle ball

Ronalee said she had been in contact with Angelica regarding the painting of the court and was told that there had been insufficient communication between the painter and the DPW. Angelica has scheduled to meet with the painter next week to go over where the court will be painted, when, and the cost of the service. Ronalee said that after that was complete; she would start coordinating a grand opening of the court to include the Pickle Ball Ambassador.

Beach Field

Lisa said the Commission is looking into re-doing the beach field. There is a process to go through to accomplish this project. Sean has written out the specifications for what needs to be done and given it to Lisa Pearson. Ronalee will have Lisa Pearson get in contact with Angelica to go over the cost for this project and then it can go out for bid.

Lions Park

Mural - Ryan gave Lisa Pearson the contact information for the art department at Triton. To his knowledge, the art students have not created another design to present to the Commission for approval. Since the school year is at an end, the project will be tabled until fall when Ryan will follow-up with the art teacher.

Maintenance of fields – Lisa D. suggested that she and Sean could meet to create a list of tasks for the care for the fields. She said that the Commission would need to discuss; the maintenance to be done, how many times per season, and the estimated cost of each line item. Once this list is completed, the Commission can divide the seasonal costs by the teams renting the fields and the amount of time they would be using them. There would be no more in-kind services in lieu of paying field rent.

Brewfest

Ronalee reported that the PTA will be working with the Commission in sponsoring the Brewfest this year. Ryan said in the past, the Brewfest only had about 100 to 150 participants. By having the Brewfest in the fall at Lion's Park, it would be a more woodsy atmosphere and different from the past. Ronalee mentioned a suggestion was made to her about having the Brewfest at the Town Common. Lisa said that the grass is too new and that it needs another year to become established.

Baseball Field - Tabled

Corn Hole

Lisa asked Ronalee to show her how the tournament would be set up using a map of the location at the beach. Ronalee showed Lisa and then told her that the event was scheduled from 10am to 3pm so that it would be over and everyone would be off the beach before the concert which be held that night in the same location. She said there would be no police detail because the beer truck would be in a fenced off area and only adults with wrist bands would be allowed in and no alcohol being allowed out of the fenced in area. Also, the head bouncer for the Winner's Circle would be handling all the ID checks at the entrance to the fenced in area.

Lisa said that 50 parking passes will be available for the event. The Winner's Circle can distribute them to the first 50 entrants in the tournament. After those have been given out, all other participants will have to pay for parking down at the beach.

Dirt Bikes

Ronalee reported that there have been no more emails regarding the dirt bikes riding and destroying the fields.

Signs

Lisa said that signs will be placed at the entrances of the fields stating the rules for the use of the fields. She reported that she had already spoken to the Police Chief and was told that as soon as the signs are up; the police can enforce those rules and deal with all law breakers as necessary.

Other Business

Ryan said that an Eagle Scout candidate would like to present his Eagle Scout project to the Commission at the next meeting. The Commission members present agreed to the addition to the next meeting's agenda.

Ronalee informed the attending members that Lisa P. and Cheryl are working on a grant that could be used to pay for the new cameras at Lions Park.

Old Business

Skate Park @ Partridge Brook Park

Ronalee reported Lisa P. will be going in front of the Board of Selectmen requesting permission to apply for a new grant. This grant will encompass the irrigation system, skate bowl, and the roller rink. Ronalee said the Selectmen would be voting on this on Monday.

Partridge Brook Park Concession Stand

Lisa said that the Jeff in the Health Department is looking for more information on this because there is a question about having a grill inside the stand.

Dog Park Sponsorship – Tabled

Ronalee said that the rail trail needs to be completed prior to starting work on the dog park. The contractor and the DOT will be deciding what to do and when on the trail. Once the trail is complete, advertising for bids will start and about 6 to 8 weeks after that the ground breaking could begin. The bulk of the work will probably be done in the spring.

Flag Football

The Commission is checking on the costs for the upkeep of the fields and then will look into what the costs for Jeff Johnson should be since the in-kind services may not be available anymore.

Volleyball

Monday night the teams were not able to play because the new net was too heavy and needed special straps. Ronalee is planning to pick some up so they will be available for future use. She added that there has been a great turn out for participants to play volley ball lately.

Other Business

No other business at this time

Meeting ended at approximately 8:07 p.m.