

Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2019 **Approved 11-13-2019**

Meeting began at approx. 6:02 pm

Present: Sean T., Ryan M., Mike C., Leigh-Anne D.

Guests: Jeff Johnson

Absent: Ronalee P., Lisa D.

### **New Business**

#### Review/Vote to approve minutes from September 12, 2019

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

#### Beach Field – Conversion to Softball Field

Mike informed the Commission members present that New England Solutions won the bid to provide the material needed for the conversion of the beach field to a softball field. Mike is waiting for Greg Harrison and Sean Beevers to contact him with the date the work will begin. Mike would also like to add aluminum bleachers if possible since the existing bleachers are in bad shape. Leigh-Anne told the Commission members present that Angelica Medina, DPW Business Manager, has priced out the list of the materials and the cost is around \$15,000. She will need about a week prior notice of the start date to order the materials and have them delivered to the field. Sean is going to look into the cost of bleachers with the dimensions of 5 rows and 20 feet across.

#### Opening/Closing of Lions Park

Mike informed the Commission members present that he would be closing Lions Park this fall. Leigh-Anne said she had reached out to four different landscaping companies and none of them were available to close the park. Therefore, Lisa DeMeo has given permission for Mike Colburn to close the baseball and softball fields which will include rototilling and edging. There will be no conflict with the DPW crew or their union because the DPW does not have a rototiller.

#### Basketball Court – Line Painting and Benches

Leigh-Anne informed the Commission members present that Angelica Medina had contacted Roger at Sports TECH and he will be going out this week to look at the court and then he would send Angelica a cost estimate for painting the lines at the court.

#### Other Business

Sean updated the Commission members present about the parking situation at Partridge Brook Park/Salisbury Elementary School. He said the police went to the parking area and put out “No Parking” signs on all the locations that they felt would obstruct emergency vehicles ability to

navigate around the school. Ron Tatro, the custodian will be opening the gates this weekend. Sean will be emailing Chris Walsh, Manager of Facilities and Grounds, and Ron Tatro thanking them for their efforts over the weekend. He will also request some concrete, set, parking rules that can be posted for public information.

Leigh-Anne reported that she was looking into soliciting pricing for resurfacing/repairing the tennis courts at Lions Park. The goal for having the work completed is April 2020. Sean said the cost should be around \$20 a square foot of court space so it should not be that much to repair. He asked Leigh-Anne who would be covering the cost of the repair and she suggested that it could be discussed at a later date after the cost estimate is received.

The Town of Salisbury is in the process of applying for a Tech Grant, Leigh-Anne said. This grant would be used in part for cameras at Lions Park that would be directly linked to the police station.

## **Old Business**

### Brewfest

Ryan told the Commission members present that the Brewfest went well and the Parks and Recreation Commission earned around \$1,900.00 for the event. Ryan reported that everyone attending the Brewfest had a great time.

### Status of Seasonal Employee

Leigh-Anne said there were around 20 applications received for the seasonal position. James Ryan, Human Resources, has already reviewed them and has sent them to Lisa DeMeo. The interviews will probably begin next week.

### Other Business

Leigh-Anne informed the Commission members present that the water has been shut off at Lions Park for the season.

Mike express interest in adding lights at the Beach Field but there may not be electricity available. Leigh-Anne told the Commission members that Angelica has contacted National Grid about the possibility of tapping into electricity on the street for the lights. Mike said that the Town of Byfield put lights in the center of the their town but did not get prior approval from the surrounding neighbors and therefore cannot turn the lights on. Now the Town of Byfield may be trying to give the lights away. If this is accurate, the lights are only about 5 years old and may work well at the Beach Field for night games.

Meeting ended at approximately 6:28 p.m.