

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2021 **Approved 6-1-2021**

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 978 8562 0427

Meeting began at 6:02 pm

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

Guest: Lisa Pearson, Samantha Flanagan

New Business

Review/Vote to approve minutes from October 20, 2020

Ronalee Ray-Parrott made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Colburn seconded the motion. All in favor minutes approved as written.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from October 28, 2020

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

Disrespecting Town Monuments – Purchase of Signs

At the October 28, 2020 meeting the Commission members discussed people disrespecting the Town Common monuments by sitting on and leaning against them. Mike Colburn made a motion for Lisa DeMeo, DPW Director and Ray Cote, DPW Foreman, to scout locations for the placement of the signs. They will also determine the quantity of signs and the DPW crew will install them. Ronalee seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved. The signs will not go up until the snow is gone so that they do not damage the sprinkler heads.

Tortoise and the Hare

Ronalee mentioned the possibility of moving the Tortoise and the Hare to the fall due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. She suggested hosting the event during Salisbury Days which is tentatively scheduled for September 17-19, 2021. The racing event could be held on either Friday evening or Saturday morning. Ronalee will be looking into a new route for the 10k event perhaps even utilizing the newly created rail trails.

Art Stroll – Lisa Pearson

Lisa Pearson, Planning Department Director, proposed moving the Art Stroll location to Partridge Brook Park due to past issues with parking. The Commission members discussed the difficulties because of sports events held at that location as well as ways they could accommodate her request. No decision was reached during the meeting.

Lions Park Dugouts

With the passing of Ronalee's father, a longtime supporter and founder of the Lion's Park facilities, she had requested donations in his name go to updating Lion's Park dugouts. She suggested a volunteer day to rebuild the dugouts. Ronalee also requested that Lisa DeMeo and Ray Cote prepare a list of supplies along with cost for materials needed to accomplish the rebuilds.

Opening Ball Fields

Mike Colburn recently checked the conditions of the fields at Lion's Park and said they were in good shape. The annual volunteer day will be planned in preparation of the opening day. The concession stand is in need of repair and funds are required for this. Lisa DeMeo said the cost could be over \$65,000 to get it up to code. Lisa Pearson suggested that the Parks and Recreation Commission go to the Zoning Board requesting the donation of funds to cover the concession stand repairs. Ronalee proposed that Sean Timmons with the assistance of Lisa Pearson write a letter to the Friendly 40B that is going up on 6 Forest Road, requesting financial assistance to complete work on Lions Park. Mike Colburn seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Other Business

Leigh-Anne informed the Commission members that Rip City Baseball League has not paid their field use fees for the fall season 2020. Sean said that he would reach out to them.

Old Business

Partridge Brook Park Concession Stand Update

The building needs to be leveled and the utilities completed. The Parks and Recreation Commission could purchase storage containers for the sports teams use. These containers could be rented out per season. A picnic area near the concession stand was also discussed. Lisa Pearson will get pricing and options then present them to the Commission at a future meeting.

Partridge Brook Park Handicap Field Accessibility

Lisa Pearson told the Commission that she would be meeting with the parent of the disabled child to discuss the improvements at Partridge Brook Park specifically to assure the family the improvements will meet with ADA standards.

Beach Field Update

Mike Colburn reported that the Beach Field is almost completed. It needs to be smoothed out and filled in a bit more, then add the bases and put the fence back up.

Other Business

Ryan McAdams will be resigning from the Parks and Recreation Commission because he is moving to another town. Sean will contact Jerry Klima requesting he advertise for Ryan's Commission seat.

Meeting ended at approximately 6:57 p.m.