

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2016 **Approved 08-31-2016**

Meeting began at approx. 6:00 pm

Present: Ronalee P., Ryan M., Sean T., Don L., Angelica M.

Absent: Mike R.

Guests: Police Chief Tom Fowler, Selectwoman Wilma McDonald, Keenan Kealey, Austin Stevens

New Business

Basketball Hoop @ Skate Park

Ronalee reported that many people have been asking her about making the basketball area at the beach into a full court. Chief Fowler stated that the Police Department has the money to pay for another hoop. Angelica will order a hoop and have the DPW workers install it.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from 6/29/2016

Motion to approve made by Ryan, second motion made by Ronalee. All in favor. Minutes approved as written.

Skate Park Re-Design

Austin Stevens and Keenan Kealey attended the meeting to discuss how they would like to see the skate park improved. Hunter stated that a lot of skaters in the New England area prefer a skate park that mimics surfing, with more bowls and a smoother transition. He also mentioned that the skate parks that they were interested in were Hampton NH's skate park and Old Orchard Beach in ME. Don responded that he did agree with the fact that the skate park needed to be updated, however he did not think that adding a bowl was a possibility due to the fact that the skate park abuts marshland and the water table is higher than ideal conditions. It may be a possibility to build up but it would be hard to build a bowl structure in that specific area. Don also mentioned that the Public Works scheduled two appointments with companies so that they could come out to evaluate the skate park, provide their input and a quote. Angelica told Hunter and Austin that she would provide them with updates once the companies provided the Public Works with quotes. Wilma mentioned that her nephew skateboards and she would ask him his input and get back to the Commission. Ronalee stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission supports updating the skate park, however does not have the funds or manpower allocated at this time due to the construction of the Partridge Brook Park. That being said, Austin and Keenan would have to help fundraise and reach out to their contacts if they want an updated skate park. Ronalee made a motion to approve looking into and possibly updating the skate mark. Ryan made the second motion. All in favor.

Brewfest 2016

Ronalee reported that Brewfest is this weekend. Everything is all set to go. Volunteers should arrive at 12:00 pm for set up.

Other Business

None at this time.

Old Business

Field Use Fees/Policy

Ronalee stated that she thinks it would be a good idea to have a separate meeting to address the field use policy. It would be easier for the Commission to concentrate on just that in order to set it in place. August 10th is when the field use policy meeting is going to be held.

Beach Field

Tabled.

PARC Grant

Tabled.

Volleyball

Ronalee reported that volleyball will start back up in September. She would like Angelica to make a flyer before then so that the Commission can advertise it.

Other Business

None at this time.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:30 pm.