

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2015 **Approved 10-20-2015**

Meeting began at approx. 6:30 pm

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

#### **New Business**

##### Review/Vote to approve minutes from 8/12/2015

Motion to approve was made by Ronalee, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Don.

##### Fall Festival

The Girl Scouts have volunteered to face paint and help out with the haunted trail. Family Connections will take care of the pumpkins. For the hayride Parks and Rec needs insurance. Henry Richenberg is all set with the tractor and wagon. Ryan is going to ask for volunteers. Mike will rent games from Taylor Rental. Angelica will contact Nancy Sweeny to DJ and purchase apple cider and baked goods. Ronalee will buy decorations and face paint.

##### Other Business

Don and Ronalee brought it to the Commissions attention that there has been a conflict regarding the use of the Memorial School field. Jeff Johnson uses it for flag football. In the past, he did not use the field until 5 pm, this year flag football is starting at 4 pm. The Boys and Girls Club has been using the field for a number of years until 5 pm. Due to the added traffic at 4 pm, there has become somewhat of a safety issue with cars speeding through the parking lot. Ronalee mentioned that she almost got hit by a car going too fast. Don spoke with the Boys and Girls Club and put cones in the area. He also spoke with Randy about getting a field use permit for next year to eliminate any conflict of scheduling with the field. The Boys and Girls Club will be able to fill out a permit in January of 2016 any field use requests that they may have in 2016. One the new fields at Partridge Brook Park are completed, this should eliminate the issue.

#### **Old Business:**

##### PARC Grant

Don told Lisa to hold back the retainage and take a look at the site. The Town does not own the Partridge Brook Park site right now, it is still the responsibility of the contractor. There is no money to finish laying out the baseball field. Schematics estimated the cost to be around \$800,000. Bids came in much higher and the scope of work had to change, pushing some plans back to Phase II. Currently there is water and sewer installed. Timberland, Ed Hill, Port Fence, and the Sherriff's Crew have all volunteered man hours towards the park. By mid-November the park should be cleaned up for the winter.

##### Brewfest

Ronalee reported that Brewfest only made a few thousand dollars, but the event is established now. Hopefully there will be a better turn out next year.

##### Basketball Area at the Beach

Don said that once the Pike School is done being painted and cleaned up, he will get the basketball hoop at the beach installed. This should be completed within the week. It will be located at the skate park to the right hand side.

##### Other Business

##### Girls Running Club

Ronalee reported that the Girl's Running Club started last week. She has five girls, who are all fantastic. They are in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade and plan on running the Timmy Trot in November.

### Volleyball

Ronalee started volleyball last Monday from 6-7:30 pm. Only one person showed up. She thinks that we should get the word out there more.

Meeting ended approximately 8:00 pm