

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – August 31, 2016 **Approved 09-21-2016**

Meeting began at approx. 6:00 pm

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

Guests: Austin Stevens

New Business

Skate Park Re-Design

Austin Stevens came to the meeting to further discuss the skate park. He wanted to know if the skate park behind Salisbury Elementary School was off of the table. Ronalee responded that it is not off the table; however it wouldn't happen for a few years. She said that she met with Don and Lisa to discuss the status of the Partridge Brook Park and was informed that there are still issues with weeds and grass growing. Ronalee then informed Austin that it would be at least two years until a skate park could be developed at the Partridge Brook Park. She asked Austin if he thought it would be better to upgrade the existing skate park or nix upgrading the existing skate park and just clean it up and focus on a new site behind Salisbury Elementary. Austin responded that he thought it would be best to clean up the existing skate park, and focus on building more of a surf skate boarding experience behind Salisbury Elementary. Ryan and the rest of the Commission agreed due to the \$26,000 (roughly) quote that was given for upgrading the existing skate park, that it would be better to spend that money on a new, improved skate park. Ronalee then informed Austin that she has another meeting scheduled with Don and Lisa September 12th to further discuss the Partridge Brook Park. She would bring up the idea of a new skate park to Lisa and send an email to update Austin after the meeting. Austin thanked Ronalee and told her that while he does go away to school, if he knows ahead of time, he can come back to discuss the skate park.

Vote to Approve Field Use Policy

After reviewing the field use policy, Ronalee stated that the Commission should put something in there about in-kind donations in lieu of fees. The DPW Director must approve in-kind donations ahead of time and provide receipts to the Public Works. Angelica also mentioned that the Commission should hold off on voting for the policy due to the fact that she was still waiting for Town Counsels approval on certain verbiage. Ryan and Ronalee both agreed to hold off until the next meeting.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from 7/20/2016

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

Fall Festival 2016

Angelica announced that the date for the fall festival would be 10/22. She has not publicized it yet because she is still trying to figure out logistics for the hayride. She also stated that it would be helpful to set the dates for next years events ahead of time to better advertise, and make save the date cards. Ronalee agreed that setting the dates ahead of time would be helpful. After discussion, tentatively the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on 4/8, and the Tortoise and the Hare will be held on 4/30. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business

Mike Roberge announced that he would be stepping down from the Commission effective immediately.

Old Business

Basketball Hoop @ Skate Park

Angelica informed the Commission that the basketball hoop was delivered last week. She has to check with Ray to see when he can install it, and will update the Commission at the next meeting.

Brewfest 2016

Ronalee reported that the Brewfest went well. The Commission made roughly \$3,000 after splitting the money with the Boys and Girls Club.

Beach Field

Tabled.

PARC Grant

Tabled.

Volleyball

Ronalee stated that volleyball starts September 12th. Flyers are ready to go, SCTV has been notified, and she will email Angel of the Daily News to further publicize volleyball.

Other Business

None at this time.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:30 pm.