

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2016 **Approved 02-02-2016**

Meeting began at approx. 6:09 pm

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

New Business

Review/Vote to approve minutes from 12/01/2015

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

Field Use Fees

Sean provided the Commission with various field use fee examples for an example of tier structuring. Don stated that he likes North Reading's field structure because it incorporates electricity and water. Don agrees that if we raise the field use fees for the users, the Public Works Department would take responsibility for more of the field upkeep. Ronalee thinks that Hamilton Wenham's tier schedule is a good example of what Salisbury Parks and Recreation should adopt. She also thinks that we should give the leagues well advance notice so that they can incorporate the cost of the fields into their user fees. Sean thinks that we should reach out to the leagues and organizations so that we can get a better idea of their enrollment numbers, making it easier to structure the fees. Mike stated that people are too busy to; no one is helping out. Sean believes that by restructuring the fees, it will make the leagues more responsible and accountable. Sean stated that at his job, Hamilton has one grounds foreman, Wenham has one grounds foreman, and they hire seasonal help in the summer. Their General fund budget is around \$110,000 and revolving fund budget is around \$220,000. Mike says that the Salisbury Youth Baseball League consists of just three people, none of whom have kids in the league. Angelica brought up that she received a field use permit from the Boys and Girls Club. Ronalee thinks that it would be beneficial for Jim Keenan to come to one of these meetings so that he can talk to the Commission about when he wants to use the fields. The current field use permit that he turned in cannot be accepted. Further discussion and voting of the fees will take place next meeting. The fees will be effective FY17.

Tortoise and the Hare 2016

Ronalee reported that the PARC grant subcommittee met on Monday. Ashley is already promoting the race and reaching out to banks. The contract needs to be drafted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and emailed to the Town Counsel for review. Ashley needs a contract to sign as soon as possible. Phase 1 is at least a year behind due to Iron Horse and other financial setbacks. The Tortoise and the Hare tickets were sold at an early bird discount until January 10th, now registration is at normal price. The biggest thing right now it getting sponsors. Ashley mentioned having people sponsor the road signs and water stops.

Brewfest 2016

Ronalee reported that the PARC grant subcommittee decided that Brewfest is going to be a shared event with the Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club is in charge of sponsorship and the Parks and Recreation is in charge of planning the event. The Commission will talk more about this event next meeting.

Other Business

Ryan reported that Lisa Pearson sent out an email to see if anyone was around on February 8th for RFQ for interviews regarding the Veterans Memorial. He is not available that day and wants to know if anyone else can attend. Don will be attending the meeting, everyone else is working.

Old Business

PARC Grant

No update at this time.

Basketball area at Beach

No update at this time.

Volleyball

Ronalee reported that there were thirteen people at volleyball last night; it seems to be picking up again.

Other Business

Don thinks that for the Fall Festival the Commission should start thinking about finding a tractor and trailer for next year. Ryan thinks that we had a good turnout. Ronalee would say we had about 150 kids. Don thinks that the Commission needs to set a date and find out how much it would cost. Ronalee thinks that we would have more children if we switch the event to a Sunday. This would eliminate the conflict with flag football and other sports events. The Commission has to look into price on tractor and trailer or reinvent the fall festival.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:30 pm.