

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2017 **Approved 02-01-2017**

Meeting began at approx. 6:00 pm

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

Guests: Greg Harden, Nate Ingalls

New Business

Salisbury Youth Baseball/Softball League

Greg Harden announced that he and Nate wanted to come to the Commission's meeting because the board members are new to this. He stated that he wanted to discuss any fees or outstanding items. Ronalee responded that there is no charge for the field due to the fact that SYBSL consists of Salisbury children. The Commission expects in kind services to be provided, and would like a list and schedule of services provided due to the change of hands on the board. She also mentioned that they should coordinate with the DPW for the upkeep because there are not a lot of DPW workers. Don stated that he would like to see SYBSL to help with infield mix, weed the field, and other regular maintenance. Don told Greg to email Angelica a wish list for the DPW and he will let SYBSL know what the DPW can do to help. He would also like a list of in-kind services that SYBSL will provide before the next meeting. Sean stated that part of the reason we are doing this is that the Commission wants to know the specific needs to come up with a more detailed and condensed schedule. Nate Ingalls responded they do not have a lot of information right now, but will soon. He expects the fields to be booked throughout the week for the season. Angelica mentioned that it she needs a schedule of the days, times and fields used so that she can schedule other field users around SYBSL. Greg responded that he will know the schedule in February due to the intertown league. Ronalee asked how their enrollment numbers were. Nate responded that they have about 12 people as of right now, people wait until the last minute. Greg added that they are losing numbers due to lacrosse. Greg also asked if Don could provide a DPW worker on field clean-up day. Don said he will see what he can do. Ronalee informed Greg and Nate that the Commission was planning to add restrooms and a concession stand down at the beach field. Nate stated there is no need for a concession stand, they are hard to man, and they do not make much money. A bathroom and storage area would be preferred. Don stated that was fine. Nate also mentioned that SYBSL was working on purchasing electronic score boards. Don said that was fine, he just needs to be kept in the loop.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from November 30, 2016

Ronalee made a motion to approve the minutes, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved as written.

Tortoise and the Hare 2017

Ronalee stated that it would be a good idea to set up a subcommittee again for the Tortoise and the Hare and asked Angelica to email everyone to set up a time and date. Once the subcommittee meets, she will update the Commission. She also mentioned how the Winner's Circle brought up merging the April Fool's race with the Tortoise and the Hare. The Winner's Circle races always benefit a specific charity, and the April Fool's race could possibly benefit the Commission. The Commission would be responsible for finding sponsorship, and the Winner's Circle would be responsible for all other planning. This should be revisited again after the Tortoise and the Hare.

Skate Park @ Partridge Brook Park

Ronalee reported that Wilma, Don, Austin, Keenan and Lisa met at the park site. There are two possible location options for the skate park. One is near the dog park, in the middle of everything and the other site is near Kendell Lane. The Kendell Lane site is clearer, flat, and would have a paved way. There is going to be a public forum held on Saturday 1/7/17 to gather input from residents. Sean suggested getting input from Chief Fowler, and perhaps surveying the residents. Don spoke with the head of Old Orchard Beach and Hampton. The skate park in Maine was very nice, and can be seen on the website. Don thinks that the Commission should have a meeting and talk to the different types of skateboarders to get their input.

Other Business

Angelica announced that the Planning Department needs to Commission to sign a contract for the PARC grant to revamp the Veteran's Memorial at the Salisbury Green. \$170,000 will be allocated for services. Ryan made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor, contract approved as written.

Old Business

Basketball Hoop @ Skate Park

Tabled until Spring 2017.

Beach Field

Ronalee stated that she would like Don to start working on the restrooms. Don said he would see what he could do.

PARC Grant

Tabled.

Volleyball

Ronalee reported that the police department has a pickup basketball league after volleyball. Some of the officers have been attending volleyball.

Other Business

Tabled.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:15 pm.