

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2017 **Approved 08-23-2017**

Meeting began at approx. 6:30 pm

Present: Ryan M., Sean T., Mike A., Ronalee P., Lisa D., Angelica M.

Guests: Claudette Beerman-Allen

**New Business**

Review/Vote to approve minutes from June 7, 2017

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

Revolving Fund/Donation Account

Tabled

Seaside Brewfest 2017

Lisa D. reported that Neil was okay with holding the Brewfest on the boardwalk, and is being supported by the fire department. If there is no damage, all will be well. Neil's main concern was grease on the boardwalk. Ronalee reported that the final details will be ironed out at a subcommittee meeting.

Skate Park @ Partridge Brook Park

Ronalee reported that the subcommittee agreed to write another PARC grant, despite the odds not being in our favor. Ronalee stated that Lisa P. feels as though it is still worth it because it gets reviewed, and if the application is denied the Town can reapply next year. The funding would be \$600,000 total. The first \$200,000 would go towards engineering, and the rest would go towards the skate park/ skate street hockey rink. Lisa Pearson will bring blue prints to the next meeting. Ronalee also reported that for Phase II match money Freeman will talk to the Institution for Savings. Lisa P. also plans to approach Arakelian Foundation, Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, and the Tony Hawk foundation. The Lions Club is also working towards raising money for the handicapped park and tot lot.

Pickle ball

Ronalee stated that the senior center wanted a pickle ball court last year. It is the fastest growing sport. There was recently an article in the Daily News. Ronalee would like to see one of the tennis courts made into a pickle ball court. What are the next steps that need to be taken? Sean responded that the court could be painted and the cracks could be sealed. Then all that would remain would be line painting. Ronalee reported that according to the ambassador that she met with there would be enough room and she thinks the court would get more use. Lisa D. responded that she thinks the Commission is better off converting one court. Sean replied that he could reach out to the contractor that does Hamilton's courts, some people line themselves. The lines need to be precise. The Commission would need a net, balls, and paddles, although most people have their own paddles. The ambassador could help spread the word, or there could be set times for pickle ball.

Other Business

Tabled

**Old Business**

Basketball Hoop @ Skate Park

Ronalee would like to know why the other hoop is not installed yet. Lisa D. replied that the beach redevelopment has taken precedence. Ronalee would also like the brush cleaned up. Lisa D. replied that she would take care of this before the end of the season.

Beach Field

Ronalee would like to see the money for the beach field spent. Initially, the vision was to build concession stands and bathrooms, as well as regrade and redo the infield. Sean responded that there needs to be a place to put the equipment to drag the field. The little league of DPW may not have the equipment. Lisa D. thinks that it is best to do the infield in

the fall and have it finished before the middle of October. Ronalee made a motion for the \$30,000.00 to go towards the infield being redone. Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### PARC Grant

Tabled

#### Volleyball

Ronalee reported that Officer Forget is holding volleyball throughout the summer. The numbers have been 4 on 4 or 3 on 3.

#### Other Business

None at this time

Meeting ended at approximately 8:02 pm.