

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2016 **Approved 07-20-16**

Meeting began at approx. 6:00 pm

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

Guests: Mike Colburn

New Business

Lion's Club

Mike Colburn came to the Commission's meeting to speak on behalf of the Lion's Club. He said the Lion's club wants to help out in the community and find their niche. They have some new people that joined the club and they are interested in partnering up with the Commission to revamp some of Lion's Park, which was built by the Lion's Club. The club would like to re-do the sign as it is outdated. They want to make sure that their forefathers are represented. They also noticed the benches are falling apart and want to lend a helping hand. Ronalee stated that she is aware of the fact that they are looking to help with the Partridge Brook Park as well and put out a request for proposals (RFP) for a handicapped park. Mike stated that Claudette Beerman, his business partner, and himself will write a RFP with the help of Lisa Pearson. They looked into a wheelchair swing, but are worried that the maintenance of the swing may be too costly and time consuming. Mike stated that he wants to make sure that whatever the Lion's Club builds that it will be as maintenance free as possible due to the fact that the town will have to take it over and maintain it. He also told the Commission that you can YouTube search Lion's Park handicapped parks and see a bunch of different options. He spoke with the International Lions Club as well and they are willing to donate \$50,000 to the project and the local Lion's Club can contribute \$25,000 as of right now. Mike thinks that they could raise money by selling paver blocks. He also spoke with the principle to try to work out handicapped parking and is hoping that the school will pay for a security camera. Ronalee said that sounds great and also mentioned that the Lion's Club could help by volunteering at the Brewfest. Mike said that he would talk to the members; they only have about seven active members out of eighteen people.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from 5/18/2016

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

Approval of Open Space Plan

Angelica stated that Leah Hill asked her to bring the open space plan to the Commission's meeting, and have the Commission vote on the open space plan. In order to get funding, such as PARC grants, the Town must have an approved open space plan. After reviewing the plan, Ryan made a motion to accept the plan, second motion made by Sean. All in favor. Ronalee also mentioned that she is helping to write another PARC grant for the Town Common improvements. She also brought up the fact that she spoke with Neil about the parcel of land known as McKenna's mountain, located off of 286 that the Commission owns. The Commission cannot build a park there because it is not in a safe area. To sell the land, the Commission must go to Town Meeting, and then appeal the state legislature.

Brewfest 2016

Ronnie reported that the Brewfest is fast approaching, and it meeting once a week. The special event permit and liquor license were approved. There is still a need for around twenty volunteers to help out with the event. There will be twelve beer vendors at the event. Amesbury Chevrolet donated \$1,500, Paige Insurance donated insurance which was approved by Christine Lindberg, Salisbury House of Pizza donated \$250, and Rogers and Sons Funeral Home donated \$250. She also reported that event is now displayed on the Rt. 110 billboard thanks to Outdoor Media and Elissa Campbell. John Dow, of Seaboard Distributors will be making posters. Marianne Cyr will make signs. Jim Keenan will bring the corn hole games. Ryan and Angelica will be making a photo booth.

Other Business

Angelica reported that Austin Stevens, a Salisbury resident, emailed her to express his concern about the condition of the skate park. She forwarded the email to the Commission and said that she would bring it up at the meeting. He feels as though the skate park is outdated, and it would be beneficial for the Town to fix it up, as it would be good for the youth. Mike also mentioned that there is no trash barrel in that area. Don said he would look into the matter and

contact a few companies from the state bid list to come out and assess the park/provide the DPW with a quote/proposal. In the meantime, Don said that he would clean up the area and try to power wash the graffiti. Ronalee said that we should invite him to the next meeting to further discuss this. Angelica stated that she would email him to let him know when the next meeting was being held. Ronalee also mentioned that someone requested a second hoop be installed at the beach basketball area. Angelica stated that she would reach out to Tom Fowler to see if the police department could pay for the second hoop. She also mentioned that some seniors have discussed interest in having a pickle ball court. Sean said that to make a pickle ball court, we should be able to use the tennis court area at Lion's Park. Grid lines would have to be painted on the court, which would not affect the area if people still wanted to use it for tennis, and that the cost for a pickle ball kit would cost the Commission around \$200. Angelica said that she would look into it.

Old Business

Field Use Fees

Sean stated that he will work on drafting a field use policy for the Commission. Tabled.

Beach Field

Don reported that he is looking into precast buildings for the concession stand and bathroom. Right now he is very busy with other projects. Ronalee reminded him that the Commission would like to put a tot lot in that area as well. Don said he would look into it.

PARC Grant

Ronalee reported that Lisa Pearson got approval from the Board of Selectmen to write another PARC grant for the improvements at the Town Common. She also stated that Ed Hunt approached her and asked that the bell located at the Town Common be moved back to the beach. Don said he would look into this.

Volleyball

Ronalee reported that volleyball is over, however, before it starts back up again she would like to make flyers to spread the word.

Other Business

None at this time.

Meeting ended at approximately 8:00 pm.