

Parks and Recreation Meeting 7/6/2015

In attendance were Mr. Alex Eisman, co-chairman Mrs. Lisa Canavan, commissioner, Ms. Margie McEvoy, commissioner, Mr. Jim Headd, selectman, Mr. Zach Eaton, alternate commissioner, Mr. Pat Kelly, alternate commissioner, Mr. Armand Miclete and Mr. Mike Dobmier, facilities. Helen Hiltz was recording meeting minutes.

Concert:

Everything is all set to go for the concert on August 20th. The former "Mirage Band" will be playing. There was discussion as to whether or not the barbecue will be part of this concert or if the intent was that the barbecue was to be part of only the July 18th concert in celebration of the flag pole rededication. A review of the past meeting minutes will be done.

Movie night/hosted by the Fire and Police Departments:

The movie night was cancelled due to weather. Mrs. Hiltz has been working with Melissa Gates to find a good time to reschedule. The original plan was to reschedule the event to August 19th. Mrs. Hiltz informed Ms. Gates that the concert was August 20th. The police and fire will review potential dates. Mrs. Hiltz informed the committee that the reschedule had to take place on a Sunday through Thursday.

Auburn Day:

The question arose as to whether or not the Auburn Day Steering Committee would be submitting invoices to the P&R for payment for the Auburn Day or if a lump sum would be given to the Steering Committee to utilize for the event. In either case, the P&R committee needs to insure that the funds that were given to the Steering Committee in good faith would not be utilized for any services or activities where a fee was charged to participate. These are tax payer dollars and should be utilized to provide free services, entertainment, etc. to residents. The P&R committee would like to have an itemized list of expenditures given them for review.

Master Plan Funding:

Mr. Ron Poltak asked the BOS for assistance in obtaining the monies required to update the Master Plan. State law states that the Master Plan be updated every 5 years. Unfortunately, this requirement was overlooked during the 2015 budgetary process. Since this is a statutory requirement, the BOS and Mr. Bill Herman asked each department to review their budgets to see where they could possibly contribute to the cause. Mr. Eisman stated that after Mr. Dave Nye and he reviewed the budget, they were able to come up with a total of \$3,112.55 that could be given to the effort. Mr. Eisman noted that these are not extra funds that can be given to the effort without having an impact on P&R projects. There would be projects negatively impacted but we must all work together to insure that the town needs are met. Mr. Eisman will attend the BOS meeting tonight to partake in the discussion. Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to offer \$3,112.55 to assist with the Master Plan. Ms. McEvoy 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Senior barbecue:

Mr. Alex Eisman noted that the above discussion and proposed disbursement from the P&R budget would impact the proposed senior barbecue. He did not know if funds would be available. Ms. McEvoy stated that she would solicit donations for the event. Ms. McEvoy made a motion to have the first annual senior barbecue at the Safety Complex on August 29th at 1:00 PM. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor. Mrs. Hiltz will check with Police Chief Picard and Fire Chief Phillips to see if there are any objections. Mrs. Hiltz will make sure that the announcement will be in the August Crier.

New Business:

There have been reports of a new indoor sports complex opening in 2016 on social media. It is believed that this may be an effort lead by Doug Leppard. Mr. Leppard had approached the P&R Committee years ago about such an endeavor. There has been no discussion with the P&R to this point.

Little League:

Mr. Zack Eaton noted that the mowing contractors have been doing a great job lately. He mentioned the need for removing brush behind the fences. Mr. Armand Miclete will call to ask when that will be scheduled. He will also ask if the other ant treatment/fertilizer can be done prior to August 3rd

Mr. Zack Eaton noted that some parts of the fencing at the ball fields was in need of repair. He asked if the P&R had budgeted for any of that repair work. Mr. Alex Eisman was not aware of any funds dedicated to that effort but he would check with Mr. Nye.

Soccer Club:

Mr. Pat Kelly noted that parts of the soccer field would be shut down for two weeks for reseeding. He also stated that the ASC has a new Facebook page. Mr. Kelly stated that the fall soccer program had 90 kids signed up already.

Facilities:

Mr. Dobmier stated that there is a lot of trash left at the COF playground after parties being held there. Several suggestions were asked to be considered for future discussions. Possible resolutions suggested were signage, removing the trash containers and getting a dumpster, requiring reservations and a refundable deposit, etc. This topic was tabled for future discussion.

Field Reservations:

Mrs. Hiltz asked the Committee to consider a future discussion on field reservations so that a formal, posted policy could be established. There appears to be a lot of confusion on when payment is due and when a field request is considered firm.

Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Ms. Margie McEvoy 2nd the motion. All in favor.

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