

PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS

CHARLES BOUTEILLER

THOMAS NORTON

STEVE BANNON

PATRICIA SALVI

KATHY PLUNGIS

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: Ms. Plungis to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Bouteiller

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Steve Abstained)

2. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Joe Sokul advised that the shed has been built at Olympian Meadows. The contract is being finalized with Wilkinson's to extend the water/sewer lines. The pump station will be ordered this week. Wilkinson's is also going to install the exercise equipment at South Street Park. A Purchase Order has also been issued for American Fence to do the fence work at Memorial Field. The water fountain at Housatonic Park is on the schedule for the spring. When the new equipment is ordered, wood chips will be ordered. Paul said he sent out the purchase order for the swing set at Lake Mansfield and it will be delivered to the cemetery.

B. Arbor Day Plantings – Dennis Gibbons – Chairman of the Great Barrington Tree Committee. Arbor Day is the last Friday of the month and there are tree plantings planned at Grove Street and Tracy Park. A Yellow Wood and an Oak will be planted at Tracy Park. The Oak tree will be planted to the North of Shiro and the Yellow Wood near the monument. Joe said he would check to see where the state right of way is before the tree is planted. The tree planned for Grove Street Park is an understory Shad to be planted around the perimeter. Dennis Gibbons also said they would like to assess the health and condition of the National Grid trees. The new trees are being donated. Tom Norton asked if a tree was planned for the Housatonic Playground. It was noted that maybe another tree could be donated for that area. Tom Ingersoll noted that he would be glad to donate some trees.

MOTION: Mr. Bouteiller to approve.

SECOND: Mr. Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Plungis noted that she discussed the Achiever from Big Toys with Laura from Berkshire South. The Achiever – recycled metal and plastic in woodland colors - \$29,200.00. The Inline swings, 8’ high, are \$4,025. There is a contract discount of \$1,661.25. The freight is \$2,878.00. Total cost including the swings is \$34,441.75. The cabana for the tots is \$9,170.00. The spring toy is \$1,450.00. The Laberath panel \$1,690 and the Xylophone panel is \$2,075.00. The total with shipping is \$15,091.00. Ms. Plungis noted that right now she would like to have the Achiever and remove the swings from the cost. We need to obtain the price of the product, freight and instillation costs. Tom noted he would forward the specs for the project.

4. **PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:**

A. Southern Berkshire Youth Football to use Olympian Meadows 3 – 4 times a week from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Preston tinker was present to explain the request.

MOTION: Ms. Plungis

SECOND: Mr. Bouteiller

VOTE: 5-0

B. Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth to use Memorial Field – no one was present.

C. Great Barrington Millers to use Memorial Field Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning April 4, 2013 to September 1, 2013. Tom Ingersoll was present to explain the request. He noted it is an adult wooden bat baseball team. He said the batting cage needs attention. Paul advised that we can invest in supplies but not the man power because the parks crew works for the cemetery department. It was noted that the Parks Commissioners already approved the purchase of infield mix. Tom advised that the apron of the field needs to be rolled out and the warning track is getting weedy and the outfield needs to be cut. Tom also advised that he would like to cut the branches that are hanging over the outfield from the John Dewey Property and also do some grading of the right field.

MOTION: Mr. Bouteiller.

SECOND: Mr. Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

D. CHP Family Network to use Lake Mansfield. No action was taken as no representative was present.

E. Great Barrington Co-op Market to use Memorial Field Saturday, June 22, 2013 (rain date June 29, 2013) from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the annual Summer Solstice. It was noted that a tent would be set up on the 21st and removed on the 23rd. The liability insurance will be submitted when it renews in June.

MOTION: Mr. Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Mr. Bouteiller

VOTE: 5-0

F. Berkshire South Regional Community Center to use Lake Mansfield Sunday, June 2, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the 19th Annual Community Fishing Derby. It was noted that the portable toilets and lifeguards will be at the lake on May 30, 2013.

MOTION: Ms. Plungis to approve.

SECOND: Mr. Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

G. Railroad Street Youth Project, 60 Bridge Street, to use the Memorial Field Basketball Court Friday, April 12, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for additional outdoor space for a dance inside the building.

MOTION: Ms. Plungis to approve.

SECOND: Mr. Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Mason Library.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary