

PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
MONDAY, JULY 31, 2013
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS

CHARLES BOUTEILLER - ABSENT

THOMAS NORTON

STEVE BANNON- ABSENT

PATRICIA SALVI

KATHY PLUNGIS

JOE SOKUL – DPW SUPERINTENDENT

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

PARKS USAGE REQUEST:

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center to use the Gazebo on August 2, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Free Fun Friday with Magic Tree House. The Gazebo would be used for an arts/craft station for children to work on their art work. Lee Davis was present to explain the request.

MOTION: Kathy Plungis

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 4-0

Housatonic Playground:

Tom said that the neighbors have been working with John LaRue and Diego to come up with a wish list as to what to do with the park. He noted that Craig Lang has also been looking at the plan. It was noted that we are going ahead with the Big Achiever and putting it in at the location planned for. Craig said in 1998 Housatonic the Beautiful had ideas. In 2002 there was a pretty extensive master plan created for the village green. In 2006 Phase 1 improvements were done and in 2008 it was designated a park. Last year improvements were made to the basketball court. In the master plan, it is to add other features and remove other equipment that is not up to code. It was noted that the balance beam is in the way and he recommends that the site be made ready. It was suggested to have volunteers install it to save money. It was noted that there were no volunteers as of yet. There was a general discussion in regard to the bubble panel. It was decided to change it to the cage.

MOTION: Tom Norton to approve expending up to \$31,152.54 for the Achiever with the wire cage.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 4-0

P&P Instillation quoted \$8,625.00 to install the equipment.

MOTION: Kathy Plungis to approve expending up to \$8,625.00 for P&P to install the equipment.

SECOND: Tom Norton

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Tom Norton that the equipment be installed according to the plan which would allow us to add more equipment at a later date.

SECOND: Kathy Plungis

VOTE: 4-0

The DPW will remove the old equipment after Labor Day.

The Next meeting of the Parks is August 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary