

PARKS COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
MASON LIBRARY  
231 MAIN STREET  
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA  
MONDAY, September 21, 2015  
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Paul Gibbons, Steve Bannon, Tom Norton, Kathy Plungis, Andy Troiano, Donovan Lally and Pat Salvi

ABSENT: Karen Smith and Charlie Bouteillier

Audience: 12

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. K. Plungis motion to approve minutes from August 10, 2015, T. Norton second, unanimous 7-0.

**2. PARKS USAGE REQUEST:**

- A. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle Street to use Memorial Field on Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 9:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to launch fireworks in conjunction with the finale to the Mahaiwe's 2015 Gala. S. Bannon motion pending receipt of Insurance Certificate, P. Salvi second, unanimous vote 7-0.
- B. Christine Ward (Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force) requests the use of Lake Mansfield Beach, Saturday, October 17, 2015 from midafternoon to 6:30 p.m. an event to "Celebrate the Lake", S Bannon motion to approve, K. Plungis second, unanimous vote 7-0.

**3. PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

- A. Updates from Joe Sokul-DPW Superintendent: Step one of \$25,000 CPA Grant application has been completed. Grant funding will be used to install restrooms at Memorial Field. Update on signs-the cost for 12 signs, 18"x24" will be \$575.00. S. Bannon motion to purchase signs, K. Plungis second, unanimous vote 7-0.
- B. Berkshire South Regional Community Center: L. Harner mentioned that there has been good attendance all season. The average was 30 people per day at the Skate Park. L. Harner will bring a report to the next meeting.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Housatonic Village Common: The Commissioners were in agreement to complete the project. 10 trees have been approved and will be planted this fall, 4 pieces of exercise equipment, 6 benches, 1 picnic table, 1 outdoor grill and garbage receptacles will be

purchased and installed. A memorial tree will be donated in memory of Pete Naylor and a bench in memory of for Tom Norton's nephew. Donations will be accepted and deposited to the Parks Donation account. The donations will be used to fund projects at Housatonic Park. Over 100 residents signed a petition showing support of the Housatonic Park project. P. Gibbons mentioned the Parks account had a balance of \$74,000. S. Bannon motion to allocate up to \$30,000 to finish Housatonic Park, all work will be coordinated through J. Sokul and the board accepts 2 memorial donations a tree and a bench, P. Gibbons second, unanimous vote 7-0.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Old Maids Park: (postponed) Will be discussed at October meeting.
- B. William Whittaker – The Garden – donations of equipment to the Gt. Barrington Skate Park at Memorial Field. A request to use \$600.00 from raffle proceeds on a memorial plaque. The proceeds will be used to install a 9 foot slate plaque in Dan's Memory. William Whittaker will work with J. Sokul to install plaque. S. Bannon motion to accept Slate Memorial Plaque, K. Plungis second, unanimous vote 7-0

6. **CITIZEN SPEAK:** No comments

7. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:** No comments.

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

- A. Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

- A. S. Bannon motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m., T. Norton second, unanimous vote 7-0.

Respectively submitted,

Terry Walker

Secretary