

PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS

CHARLES BOUTEILLER – Not Present

THOMAS NORTON

STEPHEN BANNON- Not Present

PATRICIA SALVI

KATHY PLUNGIS

KAREN SMITH – Not Present

ANTHONY TROIANO- Not Present

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Call to Order:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of January 11, 2016

MOTION: Kathy Plungis to approve.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 5-0

2. **PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:**

A. NONE

3. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Updates from Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent – Joe advised that four new coverings for the garbage barrels have been built by the Cemetery Dept. to be put in four different locations. Joe presented the commissioners with sample information of pre-cast restrooms. They come in one piece with plumbing and fixtures in place and they come in different sizes. The town would have to have a tie into the sewer system, an electrical panel close by and a concrete pad. Joe noted he sent in a request to the distributor located in Mass for a quote. Olympian Meadows has everything ready. The company also does composting toilets if the town wanted to put something in at Lake Mansfield.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Signage – Laura at Berkshire South had some suggestions – the no bicycle rule should be removed, regarding the boom boxes, she suggested changing it to no loud or offensive music, will there be a new rules sign for the Housatonic Playground? Joe said he would do a sample sign for the next meeting and take a picture of the sign at the Housatonic Playground and send it to the board members.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Discussion on dogs in parks, Animal Control Officer, Shep Evans. – Shep did not attend.

B. Swing Set at Olympian Meadows – John LaRue contacted Kathy with a quote on a large swing set. The large one consists of 6 seats like we have at the Housatonic Playground. It will have the infant swing, the belts, and a handicapped swing, and two tire swings. With freight, it comes to \$4,458.72. The installation charge from P&P Installations is \$2,524.00. This swing set would go to Olympian Meadows. The wood fiber would have to be 12” deep that is installed after the swing set is put in. He also suggested rubber tiles under the belt swings which would eliminate the ruts. The total cost for the swing set plus the installation is \$6,982.72.

MOTION: Kathy Plungis that we appropriate up to \$7,000.00 for the purchase and installation of the Big Toys 6 seat swing set for Olympian Meadows.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 5-0

Paul advised he would do the purchase orders.

C, Parks Usage Request Form – format –
To Plan a Park Event:

1. It is recommended that this request be submitted to the Commission as **early** as possible. Submit your Park Usage Request form and **proof of Liability Insurance by the first of the month prior to the month of your event date**. This will allow the request to be placed on the monthly agenda for discussion and vote.

Example: Event date: July 5, 2016.....form must be submitted by June 1, 2016.

2. It is **strongly recommended** that the applicant (or a designee) attend the meeting in which the request will be considered. The commissioners’ discussion often includes clarifying questions for the applicant. Failure to attend could result in denial of the request.

All meetings are posted on the town website: www.townofgb.org. Click on “Meetings Calendar.” Park Commissioners generally meet the second Monday of the month, unless this day falls on a holiday.

MOTION: Kathy Plungis that we approve the recommended changes to the Parks Usage Request Form.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Tom Norton to approve the recommended changes with the last sentence to be deleted in Section 2 of the Parks Usage Request Form.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 5-0

D. Housatonic Village Commons – Citizens’ Requests – Tom noted he received an e-mail from Emily Shaw in regard to the status of the Housatonic Playground.

- 1) She would like either a smoking ban or no smoking sign. (Joe noted he though there was one there).
- 2) A clear sign stating to curb your dog or no dogs allowed. It was noted there is a dog port with bags.
- 3) A rules sign for the common.

4) Recycling bins.

Tom noted there are two garbage cans ordered. He was not sure of the recycling bins. Paul said they would consider putting up a sign about curbing your dog. The Commissioners agreed they did not want to ban dogs from the park.

6. **CITIZEN SPEAK**

None

7. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK**

Pat Salvi, representing Kiwanis – One Day of Service – Pat said she brought up the subject of painting the dugouts at the Little League Field to the Kiwanis. The Kiwanis agreed. The Commissioners would purchase the paint. Joe noted he would compile a list.

8: **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

A. March 14, 2016

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Kathy Plungis to adjourn.

SECOND: Tom Norton

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary