

PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:
PAUL GIBBONS
KAREN SMITH
CHARLES BOUTEILLER – 5:35
THOMAS NORTON
STEPHEN BANNON
PATRICIA SALVI
KATHY PLUNGIS.
ANTHONY TROIANO – Not Present
DONOVAN LALLY- Not Present

Call to Order:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of June 14, 2016

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve with correction of heading from Meeting Agenda to Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 5-0

2. PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:

A. Schumacher Center for a New Economics, Alice Maggio, to use the Town Hall Park on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a reception preceding a lecture. She noted she would contact the Board of Health and Select Board for the proper permits.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Karen Smith

VOTE: 6-0

B. The Garden – Shred for Keenan/Colm to use the Memorial Field Skate Park on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Karen Smith

VOTE: 6-0

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve the rain date of August 13, 2016.

SECOND: Karen Smith

VOTE: 6-0

3. PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

A. Updates from Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent – Joe noted that the fences have been repaired at Grove Street Park. He has received no complaints about the maintenance of the parks or cemeteries.

The new swing set has been installed at Olympian Meadows and the fitness equipment has been installed in Housatonic. The rust on the dome at the Housatonic playground will be cleaned up. The Millers and Babe Ruth put new roofs on the dugouts at Memorial Field and a pad has been poured in the lean-to for the mower off the existing shed. Joe noted he will contact Wilkinson's about dragging the warning track and in field.

Kathy Plungis noted that the Lake Mansfield Alliance asked that if another trash can is needed at the lake, that they will pay ½ the cost for a bear proof trash container. The containers there presently have the wood siding. The cost for a container is \$1,500.

MOTION: Karen Smith that the Park and Recreation will pay 50% of the cost of a bear proof garbage container.

SECOND: Stephen Bannon

VOTE: 6-0

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Housatonic Park – Joe advised he received pricing the concrete pad for the picnic area, benches and grilling area. He noted when the plan was originally discussed, it did not include an access sidewalk or handicapped parking. He also noted he did not remember the decorative concrete. The estimate at that time was \$10,000 to have the equipment installed and regrade that area. Several contractors were contacted to obtain pricing and Joe Wilkinson was the only one who submitted a price which is \$15,000. Joe indicated that approximately \$5,000 is for the concrete work. Every year bids are put out for heavy equipment rentals, materials and labor on a calendar year. Joe said his recommendation is to grade the area and use either stone dust or a hard pack mat, create the picnic area, install the equipment and then come back later for the handicapped access and look at the parking and walking areas around the park. We can then do the fence openings. That should keep it within the \$10,000 range.

MOTION: Karen Smith to grade the area and install the hard pack mat.

SECOND: Stephen Bannon

VOTE: 7-0

B. Scott McFarland was present representing the Millers to update the board on Memorial Field. He noted the field is dragged on an average of twice a week by the Millers. Karen advised that the dugouts will be painted, the seats need to be redone, and there is a hole in the roof of the shed. The shed will be painted to match the dugouts. The painting, etc. will be done by Mr. Tinker, Lucy and Ingersoll. The material will be purchased by Parks and Recreation. Tom Ingersoll will send Karen a list of what needs to be done on the batting cage and batting practice screen. Scott asked if someone professional could be hired to grade the field.

Craig Lang inquired about instructions as to how to use the exercise equipment at the South Street Park. Karen had some brochures that people can look at. Karen said she would contact John LaRue about installing instruction boards.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Chris Rembold and Christine Ward to update the Parks Commissioners on the KZLA Lake Mansfield Report.

Chris explained that KZLA was hired to develop a comprehensive improvement plan for Lake Mansfield and Lake Mansfield Road. Chris noted with the input from the public and the Lake Improvements Task Force, it is recommended to convert the road to one way traffic from Knob Hill Road to the Lake Mansfield recreation area parking, heading south to north. The road would be realigned within the thirty-foot right of way and includes a five to six foot wide pedestrian recreation path along the road, separated by a three foot wide vegetated buffer. Stabilizing the bank will provide a vegetated buffer to storm water pollution and will maintain the road against continued erosion. The parking will be north of its existing location. The parking area will have room for 20 permanent parking spaces and three handicap spaces with an additional 30 seasonal spaces. The boat launch will include 6 parking spaces. The lake's outlet will be replaced to alleviate the flooding along Lake Mansfield Road. The plan will be done in stages as money is available and grants are available. . The toilets and changing area are proposed to be moved. Chris noted that the proposed one way plan has been reviewed by the Police and Fire Department and they are o.k. with it.

MOTION: Karen to support the plan that has been developed by the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force.

SECOND: Charlie Bouteiller

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Karen Smith	Yes
Charlie Bouteiller	Yes
Kathy Plungis	Yes
Tom Norton	Yes
Paul Gibbons	No

VOTE: **Carried 4-1**

A motion was made by Charlie Bouteiller and seconded by Tom Norton to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary