

## November 4, 2019 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: E. Kundahl, K. Moody, N.Kaplan, B. Kniska, M. Pulse, L. Stephenson, T. Bruni and T. Quinn

BOS rep: D. Mizla

Call to order at 7:01

Additions to the agenda: none

10/4/2019 meeting minutes approved (accepted by K. Moody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T.Bruni)

Correspondence: None

Facilities: N. Kaplan looked at the fields recently and said they looked good, though there were some bare patches of grass (i.e. the football field). Apparently, the grass seed that was put down was mainly crab grass and over time it becomes bare. The question was brought up as why the town will not allow the leagues to do any preventive maintenance to the fields. Per E. Kundahl it has a lot to do with the contract with the Public Works Dept. In the past, volunteers have helped maintain the fields. Also, the town ordinance prohibits any herbicides to be used on the fields where kids play. No pesticides can be used on the K-8 school fields but the RecPlex is ok. Have the laws been changed? If so, can we change the ordinance to reflect that?

N. Kaplan asked if all the work had been done at the concession stand and it was confirmed by T. Quinn that everything except the floor and that is because the floor was not in the budget.

Finance/Administration: M. Pulse will send out an email with regard to how much money is in the field sustainability fund to date. This information will be helpful in fielding questions about the fee. N. Kaplan thinks that the \$40K could be used to start the process. T.Quinn asked if the leagues knew that the cost of water to run the system will come from them and most of them do know that they will pay for it.

Programs; None

BOS: D. Mizla reported that if there is a new Selectman that the swearing in will take place on November 18<sup>th</sup>. She also reported on the Blue Energy Project that will bring the town over \$9.7 million over the next 20 years through personal property taxes. The power will go back to the grid. The gas lines will run down Rte 354 and Blue Energy will pay for that and the repaving. There may be a chance that the town facilities can be hooked up to the grid. First payment is in 2020 or 2021 for \$500K. Stan Stoby is not up for re-election and a going away party will be held on Thursday.

BOF: none

BOE: None

Old Business: signs for the fields will not be done this year (2019)

New Business: The Airline Trail ornament was presented and the Commission voted on the rectangle. Meetings for 2020 were presented and the Sept. and Nov. meetings are moved because of Labor Day and Election Day. Motion to accept the meeting dates : M. Pulse, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Moody, all in favor.

Rec. Specialist: 2019 Christmas ornament

Rec. Director; none

Citizens Comments: L. Stephenson brought up the topic of field space boundaries and that per Tim Daniels request at the Presidents Meeting that adults cannot use the fields after August 8<sup>th</sup>. However, is it possible to designate one field for adult sports? R3 could be an adult only field and per T. Quinn it's set up for adult softball while the other fields are for kids only. Also, whatever happened to the fields that were going to be set up behind the RecPlex where there is now housing? Per N.Kaplan the word was that lack of finances and family support were the cause that they project never happened. N.Kaplan suggested that the town consider setting money aside for more fields.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 N.Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup> K.Moody, all in favor.

Next meeting is at Town Hall on 12/2/2019 at 7:00.