

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes - DRAFT
Monday, October 5, 2015
Bromfield School Cafeteria

Called to order at 7:30

Commission Members Present: Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Steve Gordon, Doug Thornton
Also present: Bob O'Shea - Harbor Master

Reviewed minutes from 9/21 meeting. Approved with one correction motion by Doug and second Steve 3-0

Field Updates:

Moved up agenda item regarding Christmas tree on Town Comment. Citizens Angela Gaffney (Still River Rd) and Billy Saulter (Elm St.) were present to speak. Ms. Gaffney restated her desire to voice her opinion about the process for the tree lighting and to see if an open dialogue about the lights might be held. She has already heard from the Town Administrator about the role or authority of the Historic Commission and wants to discuss the impact of the new lighting pattern and color that was done last year. Mr. Saulter asked if the Historic Commission or any residence were contacted for their input prior to the lighting. Wyona explained the process that the commission undertook to get a contractor in to help string the tree and to purchase the lights.

Mr. Saulter suggested that the commission needs to replace the lights with something "less hideous". He suggested that kids might be able to help string the lights using a may pole approach to get the lights wrapped around the tree in a horizontal pattern. Steve suggested that he return with a proposal for covering the costs of redoing the lights.

Ms. Gaffney asked if a dialogue including the Historic Commission could still be had and the Chair and the commission are not opposed to this; however, the commission does not agree with the need to redo the tree lighting. Women's Club funding was discussed. Do they need to be reimbursed proposal and funding to redo the tree is presented? Discussion continued for some time.

Doug asked that we move on to the next item as the presenters had been waiting. Moved on to the field maintenance proposals. Darren Magan and Steve Mararchi presented a draft of the comprehensive field maintenance plan that they have been working on with Doug. Some of the work originally thought to be "Spring" needs to be done in late Fall and there are two requests before the Commission. First is the work on Pond Road's baseball field and the second was both Ryan land and HES fields.

Pond Rd work is \$5590. Booster Club has \$4000 for project and is seeking balance. VOTE to approve \$1590 for project Motion: Steve/Doug, Approved 3-0

Ryan Land And HES fields work is over \$10,000 Youth Baseball/HAA is contributing to portion and seeking balance. VOTE to approve \$5400 for project Motion: Doug/Steve, Approved 3-0.

Three quotes will be needed on this work and HAA will get information to Doug and Steve so work can be done soon.

The draft plan will be revised and next time we meet we want Bromfield AD, soccer and any other stakeholders on the agenda to review and sign off before we go back to finance committee.

Baseball booster Christmas tree sale – club would like to use the small common again. Steve suggesting a new spot based on last years damage to the grass. Some of the other areas around the common are not Parks and Rec. Also the issue of traffic and safety. Commision agrees to stay in small common this year. Darren to submit an event form for the three weekends requested.

No updates on HFA proposal from last meeting. No Beach Updates

Budget Updates:

Wyona submitted the CPIC 2017 request for the completion of the stone wall project. Goes for review on 10-14 Wyona to attend, Doug may be able to join.

Discussed 2017 Capital requests and budget preparation. Need to account for new rate and schedule for Beach Director. Need to ensure funding to keep beach open longer. Vote on the mooring replacements is tabled to future meeting when better estimate is ready. Discussed taking payments for beach stickers next year. Discussed new canoe/kayak racks. Wyona to post this for help getting them buit.

New Business:

Deck planking portion of dock replacement should be done this upcoming weekend. Lucca is still working on this with Bob.

HES and Bromfield coordinators are in place for Ski Club. Doug and Wyona will work on getting documents up on web and getting registration ready. Discussed where the payments online are going in the Muni-reports. Can we make an account for skiclub? Doug will get three estimates for the bus service by next meeting. Sandwich board will go out soon.

Wyona needs to get invoice to long board coordinator.

Steve mentioned that we need to advertise the beach director position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37