

Parks and Recreation
Town Hall
October 15, 2018

Call to order 732PM

Present: Doug Thornton, Bob O'Shea, Joe Reynolds, Steve Victorson. Wyona Lynch McWhite, not present.

Bob motioned to approve October 1st meetings
Joe Seconded
Passed 4-0

Budget Updates

Audit Response - Doug reviewed the board response and recommendations. Board discussed that it was not an audit, but instead an analysis of business operations.
Joe - Noted: Not an audit and does not reconcile our expenses and income.
Bob suggested that he would add to UniPay the muni account number.

Member of the audience (Kenneth Hoggins) asked how much money the town supplies and if the town supplies enough money for field maintenance is adequate. We get 30k from the town. The booster club (HAA) supplies the rest.

Review current budget and playing for FY 20

Wyona not present. Will submit bills from the mailbox
Bob will supply lifeguard plan.

Program Updates

Beach Operations

Sand erosion remediation - Steve observed sand erosion, clock not working, dogs on the beach. Are these local or out of town dogs?

Should we build a wall in the sand near the swings to keep sand in place.
Bob suggested that moving sand during the season and off season should be parks and rec and lifeguard responsibility.

Can we get DPW to push sand up to beach, from the lot with a bobcat?

Bob will work on getting No Dog signs and other signage put in place.

Joe suggested a poop bag station.

Bob working on next years plan.

Field Operations

Update on Pond Road Trees - Tree warden will do next year. The vote for 3 trees was not enough to get him to do the work.

Ann Lee softball field renovation. What is the park and rec. position? We have not been part of this project. This is "progress" for replacing one of the two fields taken by the school. Daron and Tim are working on this project.

Bob proposed: The Parks and Rec. supports the Ann Lee field project and it will be rolled into our overall field capacity plan. Passed 3-0 with 1 abstaining
Kenneth Hoggins explained the use of this field.

Ed Frackiewicz - Ann Lee works with youth(young kids) lacrosse, but not for older kids. We need to get this done so that the girls can play in the Spring. Bob asked about drainage. Ed emphasized the extremely important need for a clear maintenance plan for the fields. Discussed the overall need for fields and the ebb and flow of the sports needs in this town.

(Kenneth Hoggins asked) Who maintains the school field hockey/lacrosse field? The school. DPW does the work on all of the fields. What happens to the fields after a flea market does damage to the field and a kid gets injured? Who is in charge of fixing holes and divots? Doug will provide the field maintenance documents. Discussed field maintenance issues and the role of DPW and their falling off on some of this maintenance. Should an outside maintenance contractor be hired to take care of this work?

Joe discussed the overview of the sub-committee to assess the fields. Presented his modeling proposal to determine field usage. Bob wants to see a combined scheduling software/tool. All scheduling comes out of one program. Doug discussed the need for people being assigned to make changes. This can get very confusing during a day when weather is constantly changing.

Bob had a question on the fee schedule. Are we charging for field usage and should we charge during the year? Doug, yes, but we are only charging youth in the Summer.

Joe, says to continue the current system until the sub-committee finishes their report. Bob thinks that we should disable the payment form on the website until the sub-committee meets.

Movie issues - Bob found stone quotes from 10.00 - 40.00 per square foot. Should we put up a competition for the design of the little common. HFA Halloween parade and easter egg hunt, is there a movie project impact? Should we ask lions and HFA to move over on to the field in front of the old library? Should HFA pay for the field usage? Doug will double check with Wyona on past payments.

New Business and event requests

BHRA wants to move Harvard Henley date to May 5th.
Pat Jennings - Did not have enough trash cans.
Flag at McCurdy track is no longer on the pole and the rope has fallen into the pole.
Doug thought that there was a problem with the design of the pole.
Discussed the rules for flying the flag. How to take it down at night or how to illuminate the flag?
Ski Club - Wants to open up signups.
National Honors Society Student wants to do some work on the bike trail between Lancaster county road and Depot road.

Bob motioned to approve the 9/17/2018 minutes as edited.
Steve seconded. Passed 4-0

Adjourned at 1058PM