Parks and Recreation

Town Hall

October 1, 2018

Called to order at 730PM

Attendance - Bob O’Shea, Wyona Lynch McWhite, Doug Thornton, Steve Victorson

Minutes were not ready for approval. Will review at the next meeting

**Field Operations**

Signs on Common - Pat Jennings, Warner Free Lecture Series

 Discussed registration form for signs. Could she schedule all dates in advance?

 Bob will add a note section to the form to allow multiple dates/recurring events on one form.

Approve Baseball Booster club Xmas tree sale - 11/18, 11/23, 11/24, 11/25, 11/30, 12/1, 12/2, 12/7, 12/8, 12/9.

Wyona motioned to approve the dates for Xmas tree sale.

Joe seconded

Passed - 5 - 0.

Discussed removal of dangerous trees on path to the beach

 Should we replace the trees - Is there a replacement plan?

 Are there other dead trees on the property that could be considered dangerous?

 Why did they die? The tree warden thought that it might have been the new path.

 This many trees being cut needs a replacement plan and clarification with Con Com.

 Will vote on remaining 14 trees once replacement plan is in place.

 Vote - Bob motioned: Cut 3 dangerous trees. Ask tree warden to provide evidence of Con Com approval if necessary.

 Steve seconded - Passed 5-0.

Spring field scheduling discussion

 Joe asked that the scheduling process include usage frequency, duration per use and number of kids.

 Discussed capacity analysis plan for the fields.

 Discussed field drainage and lighting.

 Joe wants to press forward with the field Sub-Committee, with key representatives around town, invite a select board member, etc.

 Bob discovered that according to town records, the only field owned by Parks and Recreation is Depot. What is actually under our control? Should we spend our time on these sub-committees and then have the fields pulled from our control?

 Bob will followup on field jurisdiction

 Joe - let’s vote on a sub-committee tonight and then go to the board.

 Joe - Motioned to approve a sub-committee to explore usage patterns, capacity, scheduling and maintenance of fields.

 Bob - Seconded

 Go to all current field users and ask for interest to join sub-committee. We are looking for people who want to spend the time helping with this committee.

 Vote - Passed 5 - 0

**Turf field discussion**

 Not worth a discussion until we know the needs and finish the assessment of field needs.

 Jim Lee commented - This weekend, there are games scheduled at Harvard Park with lighting, but would caution against overuse by scheduling 6 games over 3 days.

 This is not a school field and permission was not asked.

 Bob asked whether or not our new system is suitable and if we should eliminate all charges for the fields.

Movie issues and land renovation ideas

 Doug received a request from a citizen asking whether or not we should we put together a community design project/contest for that piece of land next to the store?

 Bob is doing some research on cost per square foot to do landscape design.

 Bob will follow up on the design project idea and will establish some requirements/ parameters. Funding numbers are not clear. Doug will talk to Stu.

 Movie crew would like to use some of our lots for parking trucks. How many trucks? Will check game and school schedules. They could also use a private citizens land.

What should we do with the picnic tables? Leave them in the current new location on the church land.

**Beach operations**

 Bob spoke with Allie and will put together a budget for the safety personnel (lifeguards) as suggested by the auditor. This way lifeguards can always be present and will be part of the town omnibus budget and no longer paid out of our fees.

 Pond draw down has begun.

 Bob will bring the boat to Cabellas to get it winterized.

 Bob will put a note on the website regarding the draw down and reminding people to get their boats.

**Budget Updates**

Wyona

Beach bills paid to date

CPC Proposal

 Kiosk for canoe and kayak down at the beach

 Tree replacement on pond road

Bob motioned to put in a request for the canoe and kayak kiosk at the town beach

Joe seconded. Passed 4-0

Bob motioned that we approve an application for CPC for tree mitigation to replace the

17 dead trees to be removed from pond road by the tree warden.

Steve seconded passed - 4-0.

**Event Requests and New Business**

Fishing tournament request 5/4/19 for 10 boats

Bear Hill Anglers already have a reservation for this date.

Bob will notify them that they need a new date.

Adjourned - 954