



**Park and Recreation Commission
Town Hall, 126 Main St.
Ware, Massachusetts 01082-1386**

Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: March 6, 2023
Place: Town Hall
Present: Bill Imbier, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, Ryan Mulligan
Guests: See Attached

Minutes

IMBIER: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023
Park Meeting Minutes.
SWARTS: Second
All were in favor.

Ware Youth Basketball

Shauna Collett attended the meeting to submit invoices for payment.

- \$300 – Reimburse Mark Heber for Basketball tournament
- \$275 – Town of Wilbraham for Summer Basketball League
- \$408 – Invoice to KM Graphics

IMBIER: Motion to approve paying the above-named invoices not to exceed \$1000.
SWAARTS: Second
All were in favor

Field Scheduling

Representatives of Ware Soccer and Ware Baseball attended the meeting to request field time at Memorial Field and Grenville Park. John Piechota will work with them as the season proceeds. There was a concern regarding fields at the High School. The Commissioners pointed out that the Park has no jurisdiction over the High School. Safety concerns regarding the gate and fence at Memorial Field were addressed. John fixed one gate, but will take another look. John also advised that he will talk to the High School regarding their fields.

There was a discussion regarding the reinstatement of user fees, which includes the cost of paint for lining the fields; amount of grass and the cost of Sani cans. There was concern about the extra fees. The Commissioners explained that the user fee was waived during the COVID years, since there was less use of the fields and therefore less maintenance. After continued

discussion, the Commissioners suggested that they will put together the amount of money that it might cost to maintain the fields for the season and then decide how much to charge each organization.

Pool

It was suggested to have a meeting with AECOM the Pool Consultant to discuss their findings and their proposal. It was decided to invite them to the next Park Commission meeting. The meeting will commence at 6:00 pm before the regular meeting at 6:30 pm. At some point, it was suggested to invite the public for their input.

Park Grants

John asked for suggestions or the next grant cycle:

- More courts for pickleball
- New bathroom at Park or renovate the existing bathroom
- Drainage
- Fence along the river

Updates from John Piechota

- Park is short-handed with labor, due to absences
- Trees are in good shape
- Getting ready for spring
- Nothing new on the tractor

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Bill Imbier _____

Kim Swarts _____

Ryan Mulligan _____