



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

### Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: August 6, 2018  
Place: Grenville Park Pavillion  
Present: Bill Imbier, John Piechota, John Morin  
Excused: Kim Swarts  
Guests: See attached

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

#### Trinity Episcopal Church

Edie Kirk from the Trinity Episcopal Church attended the meeting to request holding a fundraising event at Grenville Park. After some explanation and discussion, John Morin made a motion to permit Trinity Episcopal Church to hold a "Pumpkins and Ponies" fundraising event at Grenville Park on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bill Imbier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### Boy Scout Eagle Project

Stephen Walters attended the meeting to discuss his proposal for an Eagle Scout Project, which involves refurbishing the fishing docks at Grenville Park, including clearing, fixing eroding rocks removing large puddle, fix picnic table and replace signs that are worn. John will set him up with Terry who got the original grant. There was a discussion of the process required for the Boy Scout project to be approved. Bill Imbier made a motion to permit Stephen Walters to work on improving the fishing ramp at Grenville Park. John Morin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### Carol Zins

Carol attended the meeting to thank John Piechota for using the Park in May. They raised \$3K which went to the pool and other organizations. She announced that there will be a Fair at the Meeting House on September 15 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00. She invited any organization to set up a booth. She asked for help with parking cars.

#### Dog Park

Randy Brusco asked permission to hold a doggie dip and dive at Reed Pool. There was some discussion. John Morin made a motion to permit the Friends of the Ware Dog Park Committee to hold their second annual "doggie dip and dive" at Reed Pool on August 26 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. She will be sure owners have proof of rabies shots and will complete the special event form.

### **Playground Update**

David Powers from the Grenville Woodland Playground committee attend the meeting to report on the status of his fundraising, Nerf War event. So far he has 27 people committed to participate. John P. suggested that he get in touch when he gets closer to the event. The porta potty will still be available until September.

### **Field Scheduling**

Representatives from the following sports programs attended the meeting to request filed time for the fall season:

- Ware Soccer
- Girls Softball
- Ware Baseball
- Ware Youth Football

John advised that games might need to end before dusk due to the West Nile Virus situation, which is mandated by the Town.

### **Girls Softball**

Heather reported that she has not had much response to her proposed Fall T-ball program for children from Kindergarten, First and Second Grades at the Grenville Park. John suggested that she not give up, but maybe work on having the program in the spring. She received two checks from sponsors. John said contact the donors. They might tell her to keep them or return.

### **Beauregard Playground Sign**

John talked to the Fire Dept. about providing funding for the "John Beauregard Memorial Park" sign. They felt it was a good idea, but John has not heard anything since his first call. There was a discussion and it was decided that since there has been no further contact from the Fire Dept., the Park Department will pay for the sign and wording will be:

**John Beauregard Memorial Park  
Maintained by the Park and Recreation Dept.**

### **Smoke Free Regulations**

No report

### **Veteran's Park Vandalism**

No report

### **Grant Money**

No report

### **Park Updates**

National Night Out will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be vendors and the Police Department will provide a canine demo.

Clean-up continues at the Park. John needs a quote for bandstand lights LEDs have been installed.

The Boy Scout originally wanted to replace the footbridge as his Eagle Project. John suggested that it would be too much work. John has another idea involving a culvert. The Conservation Committee will need to be involved.

John reported that 3 girls went to the Town Hall and asked if there could be a camp held at the park, since there is not much to do during the summer vacation. This brought up the topic of the Park and Recreation Dept. sponsoring some sort of activities. It was suggested that it would be a good idea, but people are needed to run the activities and advertise.

### POOL

The last day of the pool will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. Number of attendees were low compared to past years. This probably due to the late opening.

John met with Todd Simola, who seems to be interested in keeping the pool open. He would like to see a plan before he gets involved. John, Kim and John M will attend the Community Development meeting on September 13 and discuss the problems with the pool and the need for their support, if the pool is to remain.

John has switched vendors for pool chemicals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next regular meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall

Nancy Dunn, Secretary

