



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

Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: July 1, 2019
Place: Grenville Park Pavilion
Present: Bill Imbler, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, John Morrin

Guests: See attached

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

Charity Race

Chelsea Orszulak attended the meeting to request use of Grenville Park for an ALS Charity Race in memory of her grandmother.

MORRIN: Motion to allow the Patricia Orszulak Memorial 5K Race at Grenville Park on August 24 with a rain date of August 25 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

IMBIER: Second
All were in favor

Selectmen

John Carroll attended the meeting to thank John P and his crew for use of the Park for the annual Fireworks display. Everything went along very well with no problems. He mentioned that it is getting hard to raise money for the event, but they are funded for next year.

Girls Softball

Heather Malin attended the meeting to report on the season. She mentioned that it was a rough year dealing with rainouts, rescheduling and some parents, but she thanked the Commission for their support. She also said that she wished to resign as the Girls Softball Leader. There was continued discussion and the Commissioners suggested that she look for a replacement and maybe get others to share some of the responsibilities. Kim offered to give her some help. It was agreed that the program should continue.

Soccer

Mick Cautrey attended the meeting to express his concerns regarding the continuation of Ware Soccer, since the two who currently run it are resigning. The Commission advised him that currently Ware Soccer is not under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Department. There was continued discussion and it was suggested that he speak with the current Soccer leaders. He was invited to attend future meetings of the Park Commission.

Dog Park

Brand Brusco attended the meeting to report on the status of the project. The contracts have been signed. They have \$21K toward their goal. Ground breaking might commence as soon as the end of August. She is planning the "Doggie Dip and Dive" at the pool on August 31.

Updates from John Piechota

Re-sod Infields

John reported that he is looking at doing the re-sodding the third week in August. The fields will be shut down while being re-sodded. The project will be done in-house at an approximate cost of \$2K for each diamond. A motion will be taken at the next meeting when John has the final cost.

Park Grants

John mentioned that it is time to talk about applying for a grant for the Park. He would like to include drainage, retaining wall, and upgrade power at first diamond. He would apply for it to be granted in 2022.

Ware Baseball

John has been asked by Scott Slattery to let the Palmer/Ware Legion League hold a game at Memorial Field, since there are six players from Ware. There was a discussion.

SWARTS: Motion to permit the Palmer/Ware Legion League to play at Memorial Field on July 14th depending on their agreeing to pay user fees, pay for the lights, and pay Park personnel for prepping the field.

MORRIN: Second
All were in favor

Pool

The Inspection was scheduled by the Board of Health and the pool will open on July 2. John reported that the drive did not work and there is a leak in the shallow end. Xavier as able to get more guards and is stepping up to the job.

Park Laborer

There was a discussion regarding the duties of the jobholder and if he is able to continue due to his injuries.

Wage Increase

IMBIER: Motion to raise the hourly wage of Nancy Dunn and Paul Pariseau by \$1.00 effective July 1, 2019.

SWARTS: Second
All were in favor

Volley Ball Clinic

SWARTS: Motion to hold a Volleyball Clinic at Ware High School for grades 3 to 12 in August - the date TBD

MORRIN: Second
All were in favor

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next regular meeting will be August 5, 2019 at the Grenville Park Pavilion.

Nancy Dunn, Secretary