



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

### Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: July 6, 2020  
Place: Grenville Park  
Present: Bill Imbler, John Piechota, Kim Swarts  
Guests: Stuart Beckley, Paul Harper

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

#### KOC

Paul Harper attended the meeting to seek permission to hold a Halloween "Drive Thru" Parade at Grenville Park. He shared copies of his proposed event. There was a discussion regarding the event as it might be affected by current COVID-19 rules. Other issues discussed were lighting, trash pickup, crowd control, photo area, and need to complete a special event form.

IMBIER: Motion to permit the Knights of Columbus to use Grenville Park for a Halloween Drive Thru event on October 30 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to be adjusted as needed due to COVID-19 guidelines and the Board of Health of Ware.

SWARTS: Second  
All were in favor.

#### PARK GRANT

Stuart Beckley attended the meeting to present and discuss the Park Grant Program. The grant would be used to build a retaining wall to fix the drainage issue at the first diamond in Grenville Park and would also include a wooden fence for safety. The total cost would be \$66,630. The Park Trust would use \$19,989 from the Park Trust Account.

The Commission agreed that the Park Trust Account should be used for this project.

IMBIER: Motion to provide matching funds from the Park Trust Account for betterment in Grenville Park and for the 2021 Grant Cycle.

SWARTS: Second  
All were in favor

### **Kubinski Field Gate Closing**

John has not heard anything more.

### **Hope for Home**

There will be no event due to COVID-19

### **Dog Park**

Work is continuing. The Highway Department did sweeping at the Park. Brandy Brusco would like to have a "Grand Opening" when completed, which would be subject to COVID-19 rules. There was a discussion regarding ongoing maintenance of the Dog Park.

### **Rules and Regulations**

Tabled until a future meeting

### **Sodding of Baseball Diamonds**

No sodding now due to weather and COVID-19.

### **Grenville Park Stone Marker**

Nothing has been done yet. Bill Imbier will contact the person involved.

### **Updated from John Piechota**

#### **Park**

There was a discussion regarding use of the Bandstand by "Ware Theater Group", "Get Up and Dance", and "Lion's Club summer concerts". The Commissioners agreed to hold these events as long each group follows COVID-19 guidelines.

John stated that there can be no groups larger than 12 for summer sports. There can only be drills. No scrimmages and no games. Also stressed was that the individuals in charge of any event must follow the COVID-19 guidelines.

#### **Pool**

COVID-19 guidelines only permit 40% capacity. The pool will not be open this year. It's too late to get staff and ready the pool. John will use this time to work on the ADA chair lift which needs replacement and pipe repair.

There was a brief discussion regarding the pool feasibility study. The next step would be to decide to keep the pool or have only a splash park. Should the pool be repaired or moved to another location. Bill suggested that Rebecca be invited to the next Park Meeting.

### **Pay Increase**

IMBIER: Motion to raise Nancy Dunn's wage by 50 cents per hour to \$15.40.

SWARTS: Second  
All were in favor.

### **MISC**

National Night out moved from August to a Saturday in October and depending on the 100 person capacity rule whether to hold it or not.

John Carroll has expressed his interest in joining the Park Commission. The Selectmen will make their selection at their meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Volley Ball and Softball Clinics**

IMBIER: Motion to allow Don Swarts to hold a Volley Ball Clinic and a Fall Softball Clinic at Ware High School provided he complies with COVID-19 guidelines.

SWARTS: Second  
All were in favor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next regular meeting will be August 3, 2020 at the Grenville Park Pavilion.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder