



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

### Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: March 4, 2019  
Place: Town Hall  
Present: Bill Imbier, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, John Morrin  
  
Guests: See attached

#### **Dog Park**

Brandy Bruso attended the meeting to provide an update on fundraising and status of the project. They have received 17 bids for the construction and have chosen Berkshire Design, even though they don't have the funds yet. They have been given more time. The Easter Egg Hunt at Grenville Park has 6 or 7 vendors. They have not heard back from the Town Clerk or Stuart Beckley regarding holding a rabies clinic.

#### **Field Scheduling**

The two groups that attended the meeting, namely Girls' Softball and Ware Baseball, requested the same schedule as last year.

John P will have a Sani can at the 2<sup>nd</sup> diamond. If it gets vandalized he won't bother to have one placed anymore. The bathroom is operational, but will require a key. This is sometimes a problem, since sometimes the keys do not get returned.

Girls' Softball will begin in mid-May. Heather asked if there would be any conflict with other events going on at the Park.

Ware Baseball will offer T-ball free and will require no user fee.

IMBIER: Motion to waive the user fee for Ware Baseball T-Ball.  
SWARTS: Second  
All were in favor

Heather has made a request to use the high school gym for early practice. She will need Squishy Balls for this purpose.

SWARTS: Motion to permit Girls Softball to purchase squishy balls and spend up to \$200.00 pending availability of funds.  
MORRIN: Second  
All were in favor.

### **Advertisement for Life Guard and Aquatics Director**

John will draft an advertisement and send to Bill Imbier.

### **Updates from John Piechota**

John reported that Dennis will be out of work for many months. This brought up a discussion regarding part time help. Whether or not to hire someone depends on the outcome of Dennis' situation. Dennis is now on workmen's compensation, so the money to pay a part timer will come from the Park Salary budget. The Park will advertise for a part time laborer, as soon as Dennis' situation is clear.

John is staying ahead of work around the Park. Plowing, etc. He is not able to burn until he can get to the back of the Park.

He mentioned that the Park Truck is not doing very well. A new one will have to be purchased. He suggested that the Town have a 10 year plan for the purchase of new trucks.

The High School will purchase a spreader for herbicides and pesticides. If the Park purchases their own fertilizer, the High School can do the spreading. He would like to purchase an over-seeder for about \$6K to \$12K.

During the last windstorm, shingles were blown off of the Memorial Field Field House.

There was a brief discussion regarding staffing the pool and the difficulty John has been having.

### **John Carroll**

John reported that Carol Zins would like to hold a pancake breakfast at the Park on June 29 for the Sparkle Run which is also the same day as the Fireworks.

John mentioned the Storrs Youth Center, they have a trust fund and are looking to donate some money for youth activities. It was suggested that someone from the Storrs Family be contacted to discuss.

### **Misc.**

There were some suggestions for the Park Sponsored Activities as follows:

- John Morrin and Kim Swarts could work together to have a one week baseball clinic
- Yoga in the Park
- Golf Clinic
- Pickle Ball
- Food trucks Friday

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

The next regular meeting will be April 1, 2019 at the Ware Town Hall.

Nancy Dunn, Secretary