



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

### Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: November 2, 2020  
Place: Town Hall  
Present: Bill Imbier, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, John Carroll  
Guests: See attached

The meeting commenced at 6:33 pm.

#### Ware Family Center

Ware Family Center would like to have a "Story Walk" to be held at Grenville Park, Memorial Field and the Dog Park on 3 separate occasions. The story posters would be up for about a week at each location. John advised that she would need to contact the Board of Health.

IMBIER: Motion to permit the Ware Family Center to place posters for a Story Walk, one week at a time at the baseball diamond at Grenville Park, Dog Park, and Memorial Field pending approval from the Board of Health.

SWARTS: Second  
All in favor.

#### Holiday Flair

Holiday Flair would like to hold a drive through event at Grenville Park the first or second Saturday in December. It will involve inflatables, etc. There was a discussion regarding generators, wiring, need for Police and Fire Departments presence. In addition, the Board of Health will need to approve the event. They will meet with John P at some point to discuss setup.

SWARTS: Motion to permit Holiday Flair to hold a drive through event at Grenville Park the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December and based on current COVID-19 guidelines.

IMBIER: Second  
All in favor.

#### Park Grant

Application has been submitted. No other report.

### **Cell Phone for John**

There was a discussion regarding John's reimbursement for use of his personal phone. The Commissioners would like to provide John with a Town owned cell phone service. John doesn't want to carry two phones and is fine with the current process. If a Town plan he would have unlimited use and he could keep the same telephone number. Stuart Beckley will look into getting John on the Town plan to save money.

### **Park Time Employees**

Both are working out fine.

### **Rules and Regulations**

Work on reviewing the rules and regulations will begin next and continue until finished. It was agreed that it is time to clean up old information. There is nothing critical that needs change.

### **Dog Park**

It has been five weeks since the contractor has been contacted to take care of issues that need to be finished or fixed, which includes grass seeding, bench repair, water fountain. John has not heard from him.

### **Stone Marker**

The marker is finished and looks great. The contractor will come back to remove glue. It will be installed using stone dust and processed gravel. No cement will be used.

### **Park Updates from John P.**

John has shut down the fountain at the Dog Park and Nemeneseck Square.

It is questionable whether the Skating Park will be in place this year, due to COVID-19. It will up to the Opalinski's to have a plan, since it would be their responsible if anyone became ill.

The electric outlet for Nemeneseck Square was discussed. The Historical Society has \$2K toward the project. The Park does not have money to spend on the balance.

Bill Imbier asked about the Pool begin opened next year. There is an issue with getting lifeguards certified, since many pools are not open. In addition, they would need how to do cleaning and water testing due to COVID. Staffing will be the biggest hurdle. Also, the pump won't have been run for two years and if it fails, it would cost \$7K to \$8k to repair.

### **Misc.**

Don Swarts submitted a request for reimbursement for his expenses incurred for the Fall Girls Softball.

IMBIER: Motion to reimburse Don Swarts up to the amount of money that was taken in for the program  
SWARTS: Second  
All in favor.

Nancy will prepare a thank you letter to Paul Harper of the Knights of Columbus for the Halloween drive through trick or treat event.

The next meeting will be conducted via ZOOM.

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

Next meeting will be December 7, 2020 at the Ware Town Hall.

Nancy Dunn  
Secretary