



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

Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: November 5, 2018
Place: Town Hall
Present: Bill Imbier, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, John Morin
Guests: See attached

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

American Athletics

Representatives from American Athletics attended the meeting to present their proposal for the installation of an ice skating rink at Memorial Field for the winter months. They would provide the materials including side wood walls, clear tarp. They would be responsible for maintaining the rink including snow plowing as needed. John Piechota expressed his concerns regarding vandalism before the water freezes and liability issues. There was continued discussion regarding benefits to the community, water supply, lighting costs, and rules.

IMBIER: Motion to permit American Athletics to install a skating rink at Memorial Field during the winter months
SWARTS Second
All were in favor

Volley Ball Clinic

Don Swarts attended the meeting to hand in the registrations fees for deposit and an invoice to be paid. He will attend a future meeting to discuss hold a softball clinic.

Summer Sports Program

There was a discussion regarding the need to get people interested in be instructors, advertising and someone to organization a program. Instructors would be paid.

Ware Youth Basketball

Kathy Soltz handed in registration money and invoices to be paid for the 2018-2019 Basketball season. She shared some changes in the new season and mentioned that enrollment is low.

SWARTS Motion to permit the Ware Youth Basketball Program to spend up to \$5,000 on uniforms, league fees, referees, and equipment.
IMBIER Second
All were in favor.

Grenville Park Playground Equipment

There was no new report. The 5K Zombie was held, but they have had bad weather.

Music Concert in the Park

John P suggested booking the band "Trailer Trash" to put on a performance in the Park. They would charge \$2500 and would need to be booked soon for the summer of 2019. They had indicated to John that the band would require good sound equipment. Bill Imbier had discussed the concert with John Carroll who would like to combine a concert with the fireworks. The concert would include vendors and a beer truck. There was a concern about combining fireworks, and alcohol at an event mainly with children. Bill Imbier will ask some of the Lion's Club members to attend a Park meeting He will also look into vendors and a beer truck. John P will find out more about the band.

Updates from John Piechota

About a month or so ago, there had been some vandalism at Beauregard Playground i.e. spray paint on the apparatus. It is not as bad as reported by one person. Pennington Paint Company has volunteered to repaint the apparatus at no cost to the Park Department.

Shrubs along the fence at Memorial Field are becoming a problem. John suggested that they be removed and the Commission agreed.

Beavers are building a dam along the river at Grenville Park which is causing erosion and flooding.

- SWARTS** Motion to spend \$1200 to have Malcom trap the beavers for removal and pending further review by the Board of Health
- IMBIER** Second
- All were in favor

The Boy Scout eagle projects are done and the process went well.

The water system as the Park has been shut down and the pool has been shut down and ready for the winter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next regular meeting will be December 3, 2018 at the Ware Town Hall.

Nancy Dunn, Secretary