



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

Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: October 5, 2020
Place: Town Hall
Present: Bill Imbler, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, John Carroll (via phone)
Guests: None

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

Part Time Employee

Two individuals have been interviewed for the part time Park position. One more is expected to be interviewed. John would like to hire two and is working is out with Stuart Beckley.

There was a discussion regarding new Park part time employees and Park employees in general needing to have a physical before being hired, since the position requires lifting and heavy work, etc.

BILL IMBIER: Motion to require Park employees to have a recent physical exam.
KIM SWARTS: Second
All were in favor

John mentioned that a new Human Resources person was recently hired to deal with these kinds of issues

There was a discussion regarding activities for Ware youth during the COVID pandemic. John asked the Commissioners to think about possible events or activities that could be held at the Park, i.e. kick ball tournaments, dodge ball, bike rides, etc. There can be no football or basketball.

Park Rules and Regulations

Tabled until the next meeting.

Dog Park

There are several issues that still need to be addressed:

- Benches
- Water spigot broken
- Wash out of grass

A Gift Account has been established for the Friends of the Ware Dog Park.

There has been good feedback about the Dog Park.

Sodding

There was no sodding done. John thinks that over seeding will be enough and the baseball diamonds will be ready for next year.

Stone Marker

Bill has not heard from the engraver. Ed's Landscaping will place the stone. There will be a dry fit to see how it will look before placed permanently.

Park Updates

John and crew are putting a lot of time into the fields.

There is an issue with the repair of the Toro, which will require the computer to fix it. A service call will cost about \$105 an hour. It's too heavy to put on a flatbed truck.

John is gearing up for Fall and leaves. There was only water at the fountain. All other water was not open.

During the construction of Main Street, the fountain's electrical cabinet will need to be moved. The Historical Society asked if the Park would pay for it and the Commissioners said no.

There will be trick or treating in the Park. Everyone stays in their cars and candy given to them. Stragglers walking in will be dealt with at the entrances and handed candy. John Carroll has a generator for use with Trick or Treater, if needed.

It has been rumored to John that parents with kids have been using Kubinski Field.

John Carroll brought up the issue of cell phone reimbursement. The Commissioners agree that John uses his cell phone extensively for Park business. There was also a discussion if the Town has a cell phone plan for employees.

BILL IMBIER: Motion to increase John Piechota's cell phone reimbursement to \$100.00 effective the next billing cycle.

KIM SWARTS: Second
All were in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next meeting will be November 2, 2020 at the Ware Town Hall.

Nancy Dunn, Park Commission Secretary