



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

Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: September 9, 2019
Place: Ware Town Hall
Present: Bill Imbler, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, John Morrin

Guests: See attached

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

ICE SKATING RINK AT MEMORIAL FIELD

Michael Opalinski from American Athletics attended the meeting to report on the success of last winter's the ice skating rink. He and John Piechota will work together to make improvements. He would like to be able to open the rink earlier this year, but it all depends on the weather. He would like to have a banner displayed in town to advertise the rink. The Commissioners suggested that he contact either Stuart Beckley or the Selectmen.

TREE PLANTING AT GRENVILLE PARK

Rebekah DeCoursey from Community Development attended the meeting to give her report on the tree planting proposed for Grenville Park. She provided an aerial view of the Park indicating the placement of the trees. There was a discussion regarding types of trees and who will do the planting. John P suggested getting the help from the Boy Scouts. The Park has an auger which will aid in digging the holes for the trees.

IMBIER: Motion to allow the Partnership of East Quabbin Land Trust to plant 20 to 25 trees in Grenville Park in the areas designated and shown on the aerial photo attached. The planting to commence on October 15, 2019.

SWARTS: Second. All were in favor.

LIFE GUARD REIMBURSEMENT

There was a discussion regarding reimbursing Joe Novak for the payment of his Life Guard/First Aid/CPR/AED certificate.

SWARTS: Motion to reimburse Joe Novak half of \$375.00 he paid for his Lifeguard Certificate for this year and pay the second half if he returns to the pool as a lifeguard next year and completes the season.

MORRIN: Second. All were in favor.

DOG PARK

John P reported that the Dog dip and dive went well. Work on the Dog Park should commence this month.

GRENVILLE WOODLAND PARK

John P reported that the Family Youth Center earned over \$500 for the park.

BASEBALL DIAMOND SODDING

John P reported that the sodding will cost \$1800 for each diamond. There was a discussion regarding the need for a new fence at the second diamond.

IMBIER: Motion to spend up to \$4,000 to replace the fence at the second diamond and take the funds from the Park Trust Account.

SWARTS: Second. All were in favor

GRENVILLE PARK STONE MARKER

There was a discussion regarding the proposed stone marker for Grenville Park.

IMBIER: Motion to spend up to \$2500. to have a stone marker sanded and stenciled and placed at Grenville Park with a date to be established and the funds to be taken from the Part Trust Account.

SWARTS: Second. All were in favor.

GRANT APPLICATION

There are few projects to consider; Woodland Park, Pool, Dog Park, or Memorial Field. Woodland Park is the first choice

UPDATES FROM JOHN PIECHOTA

- The Farmer's Market is doing well. There is more interest as the season progresses.
- The 5K run for Patty Orzulak was well attended
- Trees damaged by gypsy moths will need to be removed.
- Sodding for the diamonds will be worked on next month.
- The new truck will be delivered on October 19th.
- Pool has been closed for the season. Much needed repairs will be discussed at a future meeting.
- The Soccer Program may go Park and Rec. next year.

VOLLEY BALL CLINIC

Don Swarts attended the meeting to submit the registration money from the summer clinic. He will send Nancy D his invoices for payment. Twenty six people attended.

MISC.

Don asked about the use of Kubinski Field for Ware Jr/Sr. High School. John advised that he would need to work with Adult Softball who uses the field regularly.

Don asked if there is any interest in a fall/winter softball clinic.

There was a discussion regarding the lighting at Kubinski Field. John will get a quote from Lagrant Electric. It was suggested to put the issue on an Article for the Town meeting.

John Morrin raised the issue of the Beauregard Playground which has been vandalized and looks terrible. Ladders are broken, concrete table has been flipped, the infant swing is gone and the timbers are rotten.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next regular meeting will be October 7, 2019 at the Grenville Park Pavilion.

Nancy Dunn, Secretary