



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

Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: April 25, 2022
Place: Town Hall
Present: Bill Imbier, Kim Swarts, Ryan Mulligan, John Piechota, Stuart Beckley
Guests: See attached

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

John Morrin and Caitlin McCarthy – Ware Carnival

John reported that the Ware Carnival will take place on June 23, 24, and 25th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and will coincide with the Fireworks display on Friday the 25. There was a discussion of what will be required and what issues need to be addressed:

- Special Event permit form to be completed
- Trash removal, dumpsters
- Sani cans
- Bathroom cleaning
- Traffic and Parking
- Lights, power
- Ambulances on alert during the event
- Firework hours
- Alcohol for sale not to drink on premises

Amy Alclous – Girls' Softball

Amy discussed field use with John Piechota. She has only one team.

IMBIER: Motion to permit Amy Alclous to purchase uniforms and softballs and pay umpires fees for a total not to exceed \$1,000.
SWARTS: Second
All were in favor

Rock the Park

John Piechota received an email asking if the Park Department would be paying for Hand washing stations. The Park provided Sani cans last year.

IMBIER: Motion for the Park Department pay for 6 Sani cans for Rock the Park and Fireworks for the month of June.

SWARTS: Second
All were in favor.

Boy Scout Project

The Scout assigned the project will be finish it along with his group. There is a potential Eagle scout project at the Memorial Field Baseball dugout, i.e., painting.

Playground Update

Bill Imbier provided an update on the project for Ryan Mulligan. There was a discussion of playgrounds in neighboring towns that were visited by John, Stuart and Kim. Concerns regarding wood fiber, hybrids, paths for ADA, roots, pine sap, tearing, pour in place. It was decided to go with the hybrid option. The Park Trust would provide \$60K toward the \$310K needed to complete the project.

Grant Update

The drainage project will be started as soon as possible. The field will be shut down for a week. Sod will be rolled up. Stuart advised the Park to think about other projects for a grant in the \$70K range. Projects to consider were discussed:

- Water up to the barn
- Relocate the rest rooms
- Memorial Field irrigation

- Memorial Field basketball court
- Parking at Memorial Field

Pickle Ball Court

Bill Imbier shared an estimate he had received. (copy attached) There was a question as to whether spend \$15K or just start with painting this year to see how popular the game will be. Bill will reach out for quotes on just fixing cracks and paint or just paint. John felt that the cracks could be fixed in-house. Stuart will set up a ZOOM meeting with the contractor to discuss.

Updates from John Piechota

The sewage issue at Memorial Field has been resolved and play will be possible this Wednesday or Thursday.

The upper Park road going down to the dumpster will be closed off for walkers' safety.

The paperwork for the truck is being completed and the truck will be delivered.

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

Next meeting will be June 6th at the Grenville Park Pavilion.

Nancy Dunn, Secretary