



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

### Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: June 8, 2023  
Place: Town Hall  
Present: Bill Imbier, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, Ryan Mulligan  
Guests: See Attached

#### **Minutes**

IMBIER: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023  
Park Meeting Minutes.  
SWARTS: Second  
All were in favor.

#### **Public Discussion**

Randy Gratton and Derek Dineer attended the meeting to discuss Memorial Field and what improvements are needed:

- ADA equipment
- Parking
- Pavilion

Bill Imbier suggested having a design firm to mark out the parking lot. There is no decision on the size or placement of the pavilion/shelter.

There was a discussion regarding the basketball court at Memorial Field, which can't be built until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Concerns/issues/ideas:

- L-shape design
- Re-cement the existing court
- Surface material
- Lighting timers
- Curfews
- Neighbors

Next steps:

- Need three quotes for paving
- Determine the square footage
- Look over the existing equipment in the barn

There was a discussion regarding the conditions of Memorial Field. There are grubs, Seeding is needed, but there has been no rain. Perhaps shut down the field in the Fall and to let the field rest. It will be a challenge for Fall football. The field is needed for practice. It will take coordination with the High School. A soccer clinic is scheduled for 8/14- 8/18. John will contact Herb Foley to maybe move the clinic to Grenville Park. Bill suggested to make Memorial Field off limits from August thru the Fall for repairs. There needs to be a discussion with the High School staff about field use and the need for help to fix the field. Kim suggested a meeting with the High School individual responsible for fields. John will reach out to Gene Rich to find out when he is available to meet.

### **Playground Update**

The work on the playground is scheduled to begin the week of June 19<sup>th</sup>. The equipment is in the Park Barn.

### **Pool**

No report

### **Updates from John Piechota**

John will ask Herb Foley to move the Soccer Clinic from Memorial Field to Grenville Park.

John received a letter from "Safe with Us Animal Rescue" to use Grenville Park for a 5K walk on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**IMBIER:** Motion to permit Safe with Us Animal Rescue to use Grenville Park for their event

**MULLIGAN:** Second

All were in favor.

John suggested sending a thank you letter to John Shutnik for volunteering his time to help at the Park.

The cameras are up and running. Commissioners will have the ability to view pictures from their phones, if they set it up with Dave Grace.

There is a need for signage at the gate entrance into the Park regarding cameras and surveillance.

The tractor might be delivered in August at the original quoted price including attachments.

Carnival is still on but no report from John Morrin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40. The next regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission will be held at the Town Hall on July 10, 2023.

Nancy Dunn  
Park Secretary

Bill Imbier

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Kim Swarts

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Ryan Mulligan

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