



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

Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: May 1, 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 April 3 and April 12, 2023
Park Meeting Minutes.

MULLIGAN: Second
All were in favor.

Concerns of Citizens

Amy Aldous from Ware Girls Softball attended the meeting to request money for baseball equipment.

SWARTS: Motion to permit Ware Girl's Softball to spend up to but not to exceed \$2200 for equipment for Girl's Softball.

IMBIER: Second
All were in favor.

Randy Gratton and Derek Dineer attended the meeting to inquire about Memorial Field and to offer their time to help with any renovations. They offered suggestions for improvements. After a discussion, John offered Randy and Derek to meet with Tracy and himself to discuss how the grant funds may and will be used for Memorial Field. There was also a discussion regarding fund raising and the need to be transparent on how the funds would be spent. John will work with them with their plan.

User Fees

As discussed at last month's meeting, no user fees will be charged until the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. However, Stuart Beckley mentioned that the issue is on the agenda for the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Playground Update

The playground equipment is due to be delivered on Monday, May 8th. The cameras are being installed and will be ready by Wednesday, May 3.

The pour in place and wood chips will be dropped off in the parking lot rather than at the playground site to avoid gathering pine needles and other debris from the existing playground area.

Pool Update

The letter to AECOM was mailed out.

Park Grants

There was a discussion regarding additional items to include in a grant for the Playground i.e., a shelter, picnic tables, a fence along the river, and a natural looking parking lot. Quotes will be needed.

Updates from John Piechota

A total of 26 trees have been donated by the EQLT and will be placed as follows:

- At the T-ball field
- Back by the fishing pier
- Left of the second diamond
- Grassy area by the boat ramp
- Top of the donut

The Dog Park received 12 trees from EQLT.

The Lion's Club event will be June 11th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. John will be sure there is no conflict with Soccer games.

Since the Town Accountant will be transferring funds into the operating account people will need to attend the Town Meeting.

There was an incident at the Park involving an ambulance.

The tractor was never ordered due to the firing of an employee and no follow-up was done on the order. The tractor is now backordered and there is no information as to when it will be delivered.

Election of Park and Recreation Commission Chairperson

SWARTS: Motion to appoint Bill Imbier as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission

MULLIGAN: Second
All were in favor

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 June 5, 2023.

Nancy Dunn
Park Secretary

Bill Imbier

Kim Swarts

Ryan Mulligan
