



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

## Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: August 3, 2020  
Place: Grenville Park Pavilion  
Present: Bill Imbier, John Piechota, John Carroll  
Excused: Kim Swats  
Guests: See attached

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

### **Soccer**

Mark Cortney attended the meeting to discuss his proposal for a Fall Soccer Program. John advised him that there are no conflicts for use of the Park at this time. John stressed the need for Mark to put together his plan on how to handle running a program and abiding by the COVID-19 guidelines, keeping in mind the use of masks, wiping down benches and there will be no bathroom facility. Mark will prepare a plan and share it with John and Stuart before it is presented to the BOH.

Mark will be sending in a check to cover the 2019 user fee.

### **Park Grant**

The grant request has been given to Rebekah DeCoursey. It will include a drainage system at the first diamond, plus a retaining wall, and a handicap picnic table. An approval decision will be made in November or December.

There is no new information regarding a pool grant. John suggested that Rebekah be invited to the next Park Commission meeting. John Carroll will be provided a copy of the pool survey.

John Carroll discussed doing some work on the drain on Church Street to prevent water flowing onto the Park

### **Kubinski Field Gate**

John has the gate. It just needs to be installed. There is a need to have it installed ASAP, since the field was vandalized again.

### **Rules and Regulations**

A copy of the rules and regulations will be provided to all Commission members. It will include field usage guidelines and out of town teams rules. All will work on updating.

### Dog Park

John reported that the Dog Park is almost complete. John met with the contractor to discuss a few items that need attention:

- water bubbler
- grading
- damaged benches
- fence issues
- water pooling at the handicap ramp

Brandy Bruso will have a "soft opening" on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm with a ribbon cutting at 5:00 pm. John Carroll will represent the Park Commission. A regular opening at another date will include vendors, dog grooming, etc.

### Sodding Baseball Diamonds

Stuart has advised John P. that a part time employee may be hired. If so, the sodding will be done in the fall.

### Stone Marker

No update. Bill Imbler has been attempting to contact the person who will do the blasting of the stone, but has had no response. He will also look into getting someone else.

### Park Updates from John P.

John received an email from Pioneer Valley Baseball. They would like to use Memorial Field for an adult softball team. They would have Saturday games and Thursday evenings using the lights. COVID will be an issue. John Carroll asked what they will require of John Piechota regarding field preparation. There was a discussion and it was decided that John P will ask them their expectations and then come up with a cost plan. Perhaps a flat fee per game. They will also need a \$1million insurance coverage. Revenue from use of the field will go into the Town of Ware's General Fund.

A resident of the Town would like to install a bench at the Grenville Park playground in memory of her relative. She has \$1K for the bench.

IMBIER: Motion to allow Kelsey Roach to have a memorial bench placed at the Grenville Park playground are to be installed by John Piechota.

CARROLL: Second  
All were in favor

John P reported that Concerts in the Park have been successful. With a small exception, spectators have been complying with COVID guidelines.

### Misc

John Carroll mentioned that there have been drones in the Park.

John Carroll suggested approaching the Storrs Youth Center if they would like to contribute anything to the Park.

There begin no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.  
Next meeting will be September 14, 2020 at 6:30 in Grenville Park.

Nancy Dunn, Park Commission Secretary