



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

### Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: June 7, 2021  
Place: Town Hall  
Present: Bill Imbier, Kim Swarts, John Carroll (via Phone), John Piechota

Guests: Stuart Beckley, Caitlin McCarthy

The meeting commenced at 6:35 pm.

#### Concerns of Citizens

Caitlin McCarthy attended the meeting to discuss Beauregard Playground. O'Brien and Sons, a playground company, walked around the playground to work up a plan. John P. reported that not much of the existing playground equipment is salvageable. It was suggested that parents and children should be asked about what they would like to have at the playground. Caitlin volunteered to get interested people involved in painting, building and obtaining donations. It was also suggested to have O'Brien provide a preliminary draft available at the "National Night Out" event for parents and kids to review.

Caitlin also asked about opening the Town Pool. John explained that he is trying to reopen the Pool, but has only 3 lifeguards. He is hoping for two more, however they must be certified. In addition, the pump is an issue, along with need for paint around the pool and the deep end is in bad shape. Ground water is also a concern.

Caitlin also asked about a walk for Shiloh Skerritt. John advised to pick a date preferably in the Spring or Fall and ask Mr. Skerritt about a good date. Caitlin volunteered to be the Chairperson for the event.

#### Update on the Assault in Grenville Park

Two arrests have been made. Four individuals have been trespassed for life. Once all of the names of the individuals that were also involved are gathered including those that watched, a life time trespass order will be issued to them.

IMBIER: Motion to issue a "no trespass order" for not less than ten years to the individuals involved. The order will include all fields under the jurisdiction of the Park Department. If they come to the Park and request permission to enter, it will be reviewed. The order extends to participants in school sponsored sports.  
SWART: Second

All were in favor.

John is working with Dave Grace with a plan for additional cameras, including the bandstand area, pavilion, and basketball area, which could cover the playground.

John reported that the Police Chief reached out to ex-Patriot players who came out in support of Shiloh.

The basketball hoops are down, but will need to be put back up since the 30 days since the incident has passed. John C. suggested waiting until the trespass orders have been issued. John P. suggested issuing a press release regarding the basketball hoops. Stuart Beckley will write something for the Ware River News and TV station.

Caitlin volunteered to get a group of youths together to help police and patrol the area. She will get the names and numbers to John P.

### **Grant Update**

Lemaitre came out to work on the design for the drainage issue. The project is moving forward.

Terry Smith, Caitlin McCarthy, Rebecca and Thomas Barnes want to meet to discuss the bridge that has not been installed for 10 years. This could be an Eagle Scout project.

### **Kubinski Field Lighting**

Nothing new to report. There is a need to lock the breaker. Too many people have keys.

### **Updates from John Piechota**

The truck has been ordered and will be delivered in nine months.

The mural at the dog park has begun. The Fire Warden wants to remove some trees at the dog park due to their location and the species are not appropriate for the area. The East Quabbin Land Trust has better trees for the area and they are free.

The trees at Veterans' Park also need to be replaced and should be tied into the new trees that will be planted on Main Street. Veteran's Park will have new LED lighting.

The High School baseball season has finished. The Field House was disgusting. The Athletic Director came back and took care of it.

### **Misc. Issues**

Caitlin asked about a "splash pad" at the Pool area and putting together a "dodge ball" team.

Don Swarts would like to have his Volley Ball clinic again.

The Fireworks are scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>.

There begin no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> at Grenville Park Pavilion.

Nancy Dunn, Secretary

