

Approved

PARK DEPT. MINUTES

1/14/09

Attendees: Don Black, Jon Strauss, David Howes, Jeff Ohringer

Guests: None

Minutes from the December meeting were read and approved.

Bills paid:

GELD

BBall Court	\$ 7.50
5 Commons	\$ 32.50
Stonebridge Field	\$ 8.63
Cutler	\$ 7.50
Wheeler Park	\$ 7.50
CowPond (parking lot)	\$12.00
CowPond (soccer)	\$ 7.50
Sawyer Common	\$ 6.50

Verizon Bill	\$8.62
Verizon Bill	\$ 8.60

Karen Tuomi	5 hours
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New Business: Currently there is a spending freeze, all expenditures have to be approved by Mark Haddad. Mark told Karen that he would know more about allowing expenditures after the Governor's state of the State address. Two immediate expenses on hold are the Cutler Field swings and the baseball fencing. Mark told Black that the Park Dept. budget for next year has been approved.

Field Use Requests: No field use requested.

Correspondence:

Old Business: The HDC meeting took place in December and the hearing has been continued to the February meeting. Black is continuing to work this issue with the HDC.

CPA application for CowPond4 is complete and we have received a letter of acceptance of the application.

Black would like to float an article at Town Meeting to accept and dedicate all of the Town's parks and commons to insure that these sites are protected and taken off line for other uses. Black will follow up with Michelle Collette.

Jon sent an email to Mark asking that the BB court at the Lost Lake site be kept on the radar screen.

Web site needs to be updated. Karen will follow through with this to change the contact person and the phone number.

Black spoke with Steve Byrne about using the FloRo track for LAX. Steve will get back to him.

Successful Christmas Tree burning.

Evan's Rink – Black spoke with Tom Orcutt about flooding the area without setting the rink up. Black said that is what brought up by at the Christmas Tree Burning that it would be nice to have a rink at the Town Field. Black said that the BB court could be used for this purpose. It would be lit and fenced in. Maybe in the future, this idea can be considered.

Jon spoke with Moison's about the chain for the swings. Rick said he may consider donating it.

Meeting adjourned:

Next meeting scheduled for February 11th.