

## Approved

### PARK DEPT. MINUTES

5/13/09

Attendees: Don Black, Jon Straus, Don Billingsley, David Howes

Guests: Jessica Madac-Jones, Andy Zimmon, Laura Lefevbre, Paul Gingras

Reading of the minutes from the March meeting that had been waived were read and approved unanimously. Reading of the minutes from the April meeting were read and approved unanimously.

Bills paid:

#### GELD

BBall Court	\$ 6.75
5 Commons	\$ 32.50
Stonebridge Field	\$ 7.16
Cutler	\$ 6.75
Wheeler Park	\$ 6.75
CowPond (parking lot)	\$ 12.00
CowPond (soccer)	\$ 31.42
Sawyer Common	\$ 6.50

Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler	\$ 1,116.25
Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler	\$ 195.00
Triangle	\$ 595.00
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TWS Graphics	\$ 68.50
Verizon Bill	\$ 8.57
Verizon Bill	\$ 8.59
Karen Tuomi	12 hours

#### **New Business:**

Montachusett needs to begin work at Cutler. Strauss will contact them to discuss the needs at Cutler.

Field of Dreams –

Town meeting approved the request for the CPC application of a lighted field at CowPond. Conservation Commission wants to be involved with this build because of the National Heritage and Endangered Species. This application needs to be filed prior to start. Laura will file. \$300 filing fee. Black spoke with the Town Accountant and it can't be paid until after July 1. Baseball said that they will cover this. This will remain a joint project between the Parks and Baseball. After it gets started, Tom Delaney will come on board as the project manager.

Lighting will be over \$25k and bids will be needed for this. Black will see what can be done ASAP in this process.

Black also asked about Cutler and baseball's satisfaction with the skimmed infields. They are very happy with it. There is a grub problem.

Black has asked the Highway to remove the brush.

Jon brought up about the BBall court at Cutler. Black said that he is going to be addressed by Vermont.

Black would like to consider the naming of the Little League Field at Town Field. Field was originally made by George Rider and Alvin Sawyer. Black would like to consider naming the field after Alvin Sawyer. Commissioners agreed to pursue this. Black will proceed.

Black made a motion to purchase new flags for Memorial Day – Seconded and voted unanimously. Black would also like to purchase a lock for the Sawyer Common Pole.

Flags need to be lowered to half staff on May 15<sup>th</sup> for Peace Officers Memorial Day

Remaining budget \$8734.51 not including this month's \$2,700

BB Court – Black got three bids and the one that works is Top Notch-\$2,100. Black made a motion that this bid is accepted. Seconded and voted unanimously. Stumping should be done later. Black will let the Commissioners know when he gets that estimate.

Hazel Grove Park – Army Corps of Engineers should come out to look at the proposed work. Black Sgt. Maj. Pete Chase is the liaison officer – Civil Support – Adgentent General in Milford Mass would oversee this kind of work. Letter from the Park Commissioners to this officer should be sent.

Billingsley said that the Club is going to do some of the work themselves. Black suggested that the Park Dept. make a "wish list" along with the Club and that is what we can bring to the Army Corp. Motion made to write the letter, seconded and voted unanimously.

Trash at the Playground – Jessica asked if it was possible to bring a trash can into the play area. Black said no because users are responsible for their own trash. This is a budgeting issue. Black is going to have signs made reflecting this for all of the parks. Motion made seconded and voted unanimously. 25 signs should be made – Users responsible for their own trash.

Jessica also asked about a donation of sand toys. Black said that the Parks does not oversee the toys. Jessica also asked if they could get more sand, Black said Parks can do this.

#### **Field Use Requests:**

Stonebridge Field - Ancient Warrior Lacrosse - Motion made to approve predicated on the same rules for parking and that there is no conflict with Youth Lacrosse. Seconded and voted unanimously.

Minuteman Common – yard sale – May 9<sup>th</sup> approved in between meetings.

**Correspondence:**

**Old Business:**

Repairs on Smith Pavillion. Jessica came to express concern over the apparent danger areas. Black reported that much of the repairs were completed today. Jessica said she and her husband would like to volunteer help for this project. Tom Delaney will work on getting the brush removed. The remainder of the work will be completed at a later date.

Sign has been installed at Cutler and the swings are up and operable.

HDC hearing on May 5<sup>th</sup> – all flags were given certificates of appropriateness, however, the flag at Minuteman Common must be re-located. The Minutemen will participate in this.

**Meeting adjourned: at Next meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion made to move June's meeting. Seconded and voted unanimously.**