

Approved

PARK DEPT. MINUTES

3-10-10

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

Guests:

Reading of the minutes of February 11, 2010 were read and approved unanimously.

Bills paid:

GELD

BBall Court	\$ 6.75
5 Commons	\$ 32.50
Stonebridge Field	\$ 12.43
Cutler	\$ 6.75
Wheeler Park	\$ 6.75
CowPond (parking lot)	\$ 12.00
CowPond (soccer)	\$ 28.18
CowPond (Football)	\$ 21.03
Sawyer Common	\$ 6.50
Sawtell	\$ 6.75

Verizon	\$ 8.63
Robert C. Black Co., Inc.	\$4,080.00

Karen Tuomi 4 hours

New Business:

Budget and Finance and Selectmen met to discuss the cutting of the Parks budget to \$15k. Black met with Mark Haddad to discuss this and how it will affect the purchase of the new fields. Haddad agreed to keep the Parks level funded for next year.

Bid for lighting for Fields of Dreams will be in this weeks Groton Herald and bids will be open on March 26th in the Town Clerk's office.

Parks request to the Lecture Fund for the fireworks has been submitted to the Commissioners of Trust Funds.

Black met with baseball to discuss what is expected of them this year for field maintenance. Park will provide the machine and Rick Temple will provide the labor.

March 27th will be field walk day for the Commissioners to evaluate the conditions of and opening of the fields. Commissioners should meet at Cowpond at 8am.

Field Use Requests:

PASA – Steve Naboicheck – Cowpond Tuesday and Friday 5-6:30pm 4/1-6/6/10 – Black made a motion to approve conditionally with Jeff working out the nights and provide an insurance binder – seconded voted unanimously

LA – Baseball – Town Field Mon-Fri 3-5:15pm – Black made a motion to approve this request on the condition of grooming and insurance binder. Seconded and voted unanimously.

Correspondence:

Pre-season order form from Triangle was read. They are holding their price from last year. Black met with Conservation to see if they want to couple together with Parks and they do. Same procedure as last year. Jeff would like to have another one down at Cowpond. Cutler – 1; Town – 2; Stonebridge – 1; Cowpond – 3 (baseball, soccer, football) plus one for a total of 4 at Cowpond. Conservation will want 3 for a total of 11 until the summer. Jeff will talk to them about potentially bringing in extra (6) for the July 5th fireworks. Billingsley brought up about the ones at Hazel Grove. Black suggested that these be handles similar to Conservation at the beach. Add these three to the Park total would be 14. It was agreed that Hazel Grove will remain the way it was last year.

Old Business:

Millstone Field Project – meeting held with the user groups to discuss financial support of this project. Dave Howes would identify some people to write the grant which is due by July 15th. Black also forwarded to Dave another potential grant. Lacrosse and Soccer have both indicated that they would be in favor of supporting this project.

Black and Jon met with the Planning Board. They are most receptive to the project. Parks is going to have to come up with an engineered plan for drainage for the parking.

Jon reported that on the CPC front there are two applications for land purchases in this cycle. Jon says that leaves almost \$300k to access.

Black met with Garden Club and Tree group to discuss improvements to Sawyer Common

April 17th – parade for 1st responders from Ground Zero will take place. Ceremony will take place at the Hanson memorial.

Alvin Sawyer stone will be dedicated in late May 2010.

Jon asked about the holes that were made at Cutler. An irrigation line was broken so Montachusett needs to come to repair. This is the desired sight.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:53pm Next meeting April