

Approved

PARK DEPT. MINUTES

5-12-10

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

Guests:

Reading of the minutes of April 14 2010 were read and approved unanimously.

Bills paid:

GELD

BBall Court	\$ 6.75
5 Commons	\$ 32.50
Stonebridge Field	\$ 17.84
Cutler	\$ 6.75
Wheeler Park	\$ 6.75
CowPond (parking lot)	\$ 12.00
CowPond (soccer)	\$ 33.86
CowPond (Football)	\$ 6.75
Sawyer Common	\$ 6.50
Sawtell	\$ 6.75

Verizon	\$ 8.61
Triangle	\$ 680.00
Montachusett	\$ 274.95
Karen Tuomi	5 hours

New Business:

Dave asked about moving forward with the Millstone Project grant. How are we going to pay Chuck McKinney for writing this grant. Black suggested that the Park Commissioners go to the Conservation Commission to ask for upfront funds to help with this project. This money would be repaid over time. Black asked Mark Haddad his opinion and he said he would check with Town Counsel. All suggestions/discussion are mute until we hear from Town Counsel. Jon is concerned about the timeframe to get everything accomplished. Black will meet again with Haddad.

Dave asked the status of the new dogs signs. They are not done yet.

Dave also asked about the maintenance of the playground. Black said that there are two barrels there now. They will be emptied on a regular basis.

Black met with Bob Wright about the summer concert series. He would like to hold them on Minuteman Common instead of the Smith Pavillion. Black suggested trying them on Minuteman. He suggested that Friday and Saturday would not be good nights because of the church use. Dave made a motion to allow this to happen. Seconded and voted unanimously pending public safety approval.

Field Use Requests:

Cowpond – Lacrosse Tournament – June 13th – need 3 playing surfaces. There could be 2 made without a problem. Dave will meet with LAX on Friday to discuss the third option. Jeff said they cannot go on the soccer game fields. Black asked about a policy on the weather. It was agreed that heavy rain leaving standing water would require that the tournament be cancelled.

Gazebo – GPL August 19 6-9pm – voted to approve unanimously

Correspondence:

Mark Haddad will be out of the office from May 24th to June 1st. Mike Bouchard will be in charge in his absence.

Old Business:

\$8,300+ left in budget. Some infield mix has been ordered for the fields.

Field of Dreams – lights are arriving on May 20th. When they are up, the underground work gets done and then the field gets put in.

Master Plan – Black will attend the meeting on the 13th. Jon said this is a perfect time for Parks to begin to advocate for more fields and Black felt it would also be good to full time person employed for field maintenance. Jon would like to get some numbers for each sport. Soccer is 1,000, baseball is 450, softball is 225, football is 250 and LAX is 125.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:24pm Next meeting May

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