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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2012 at Legion Hall

ATTENDEES: Don Black, Jeff Ohringer, Laurie Smigelski, Jon Strauss

ABSENT: Dave Howes

GUESTS: Lyle Hamerla, Ryan Hamerla, Bob Johnson

MEETING OPENED: Mr. Black opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes for the March 14th meeting were read. They were unanimously approved with amendments.

BILLS SIGNED:

- Waste Management \$ 47.97
- A1 Portable Toilets \$ 544.00
- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Field \$ 6.75
- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Stand \$ 6.75
- GELD – Cow Pond – BB Field \$ 9.10
- GELD – Cow Pond Ball Fld Pkg Lot \$ 12.00
- GELD – Cow Pond Brook Soccer \$ 7.16
- GELD – Stonebridge Fields \$ 6.75
- GELD – Cutler Field \$ 6.75
- GELD – Wheeler Park \$ 6.75
- GELD – Basketball Court(park) \$ 6.75
- GELD – 5 Commons - Flagpoles \$ 32.50
- GELD – Sawyer Common \$ 6.50
- GELD – Chicopee Row at Sawtell \$ 6.75

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Estimate received from Athletic Facility Solutions, LLC for the Baseball Scoreboard.

FIELD USE REQUESTS:

- Anne McGinty requested April 6th at the Town Field for the playground and gazebo area from 11am to 3pm.

- Lawrence Academy requested the Town Field baseball fields for April 3rd to May 31st, Monday to Friday from 3:30-5:30.
- Groton-Dunstable Youth Football requested the Cow Pond football and practice field for:
 - June 17th to June 23rd, Monday-Saturday from 8am to 8pm
 - July 23rd to July 28th, Monday-Saturday from 8am to 8pm
 - July 30th to December 1st, Monday-Sunday from 8am to 8pm
- Groton Youth Baseball requested the:
 - Town Field baseball fields for April through August, Monday-Friday from 5pm to 8pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 8pm
 - Cow Pond fields #1,2,3, and 4 for the same times as the Town Field
 - And Cutler Field for April through August, Monday-Friday from 5pm to 8pm
- All requests were approved.

REPORTS:

- Ryan Hamerla gave an update on his proposed Eagle Scout project to create a boulder memorial for Sgt. William Woitowicz at Stonebridge Field. He plans to start the work in mid-June and end by early July. A site walk will be done on Saturday, April 28th by the Commissioners, Mr. Hamerla, the time to be determined. Tim Madigan from the Lacrosse group will be invited to the site walk. Mr. Black requested that Mr. Hamerla submit a formal letter of request to do the project for the Commissioners approval. A motion and vote was taken to sign the preliminary proposal by Mr. Hamerla. The vote was unanimous for approval.
- Candidate Opening – There are no candidates running for the vacancy on the Parks Commission. Three possibilities exist to fill it. There could be a write-in vote at the elections. If not, the Parks Commission and Selectmen could appoint someone or the Selectmen alone could appoint someone. Mr. Ohringer believes he knows someone who would be interested in being on the Commission.
- Hazel Grove – Ms. Smigelski will compose a letter to the Lagasse Family regarding tree work to be done at Hazel Grove Park. She will bring it to the May meeting for approval to send. The West Tower is tipping and needs to be taken care of. This is a safety issue. The tower is not under any historic building regulations, so it could be demolished and rebuilt. A motion and vote was taken to approve Ms. Smigelski to bring forth a plan to demolish the building and disconnect the electrical. It was unanimously approved.

- Contracts were awarded to:
 - For Sanitation to A1 Portable Toilets at \$68/unit/month.
 - For Fertilization to Aslan Enterprises for \$12,544.
 - For Landscaping the parks, commons, and the Hanson Playground to Block and Blade for \$3,932.50 plus a stone wall repair for \$45/linear foot.
 - Irrigation is still under warranty.
- Field of Dreams will be finished and used this year. It will be a game field and not a practice field.
- Mr. Ohringer will submit an application to the Board of Health for a permit to deepen the wash well at Cow Pond.
- Mr. Strauss will get estimates to fix the top rail fence at Cutler Field.
- Mr. Strauss proposed pursuing more money for the Parks budget because of Hazel Grove coming on board. It would be enough for reasonable upkeep and maintenance.
- Mr. Strauss proposed that a Vice Chairman be elected and to rotate the Chairman position each year. The Vice Chair would become Chair the following year.
- Ms. Smigelski said that softball is not using Cutler Field because of the infield. Discussion pursued and it was noted that people also don't want to travel from Dunstable to West Groton. Mr. Black said that the softball representatives need to come to a meeting and bring a plan of what they want and need.
- Community Preservation Committee wants to put a sign at the Field of Dreams designating that the field was funded by the CPC.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Mr. Black adjourned the meeting at 9:44pm. The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Becky Babcock

Administrative Assistant

Parks Commission