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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2012 at Legion Hall

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

ABSENT: Steve Hall

GUESTS: Don Billingsley, Adam Burnett, Pierre Comtois, Lisa Doyle, Anna Eliot, Gineane Haberlin, Joy Manger, Paula Martin, Rick Mason, Patti Modzelenski, John Ott, Meredith Scarlet, John Smigelski, Fran Stanley, Tim Svarczkopf

MEETING OPENED: Mr. Black opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Reading of the June 13th meeting minutes was waived.

BILLS SIGNED:

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| 1. Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler | \$ 1,691.00 |
| 2. Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler | \$ 622.90 |
| 3. Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler | \$ 639.35 |
| 4. Aslan Enterprises MA | \$ 700.00 |
| 5. Timesheet for Ms. Babcock (6/17-6/30) | \$ 54.12 |

CORRESPONDENCE: Groton Trust Funds letter authorizing funding for fireworks.

FIELD USE REQUESTS: None

REPORTS:

1. YEAR END BUDGET REVIEW:

- BILLS APPROVED, NOT SIGNED:

- GELD bills \$ 441.63
(bills not distributed to departments yet but GELD forwarded total of bills in an e-mail)
- Fireworks-mortar tubes \$ 500.00
- Concert Band \$ 200.00
- Moore's Lumber \$ 500.00
(for Hazel Grove lumber)

- Montachusett Bills: The Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler bills (#2 and 3 above under Bills Signed) had repair costs on them that were not approved before Montachusett made the repairs. Much discussion ensued over whether to pay the repair portion or not. The vendors have been told that they need to contact Parks before doing any work above and beyond the regular monthly bill charges. Mr. Black made a motion to pay the bills in full this time. Mr. Ohringer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A letter will be sent to Montachusett reminding them that in the future we must know about needed repairs before they do the work. It would help if they do their startups each spring close to the second Wednesday of the month so that if there are repairs needed, they can be approved at the Parks monthly meeting in a timely fashion.

- Aslan Bill: Mr. Ohringer presented a bill from Aslan Enterprises (#4 above in Bills Signed) for aeration of the soccer fields. Mr. Ohringer made a motion that Parks pay for this bill (the Soccer League paid another one for \$780) and Ms. Smigelski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Aeration of the fields starting next year: Mr. Black said that equipment will be available every year from Lawrence Academy to aerate the fields.

2. Hazel Grove Report

- Tim Svarczkopf gave the Hazel Grove report presentation.
- There was discussion around how an association would be set up, managed and operated.
- All attendees had the opportunity to express their feelings, good or bad, about the establishment of an association.
- The majority of the feedback was positive. Most people expressed an excitement about the wonderful opportunity to bring Hazel Grove back to the forefront and make it a great place for a variety of uses.
- The Hazel Grove Planning Committee (HGPC) appointments expire on June 30, 2012.
- The HGPC asked for approval to create a 5-member founding board to be called the Hazel Grove Agricultural Association.
- Mr. Black made a motion to create a 5-member founding board called the Hazel Grove Agricultural Association with a charge to complete the Year 1 plan in the Hazel Grove report. Mr. Strauss moved the motion. Mr. Ohringer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The HGPC will choose 5 members and submit the names to the Park Commission by June 30, 2012. They will be appointed at the July 11th Parks meeting.

3. Fireworks – Field setup will start at 1:00pm on July 6th.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Mr. Black adjourned the meeting at 9:27pm. The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Becky Babcock

Administrative Assistant

Parks Commission