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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2012 at Legion Hall

ATTENDEES: Don Black, Steve Hall, Laurie Smigelski

ABSENT: Jeff Ohringer, Jon Strauss

GUESTS: Lyle Hamerla, Ryan Hamerla, Bob Johnson, Bennett Marston, Paul Marston, John Smigelski, Kevin Woitowicz

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

READING OF THE MINUTES: The August 8th meeting minutes were read. They were unanimously approved with changes noted.

BILLS SIGNED:

- United Site Services – Portable restrooms \$ 544.00
- Waste Management \$ 51.37
- ASLAN Enterprises – Stonebridge Field \$ 770.00
- ASLAN Enterprises – Town Field \$ 640.00
- ASLAN Enterprises – CP Soccer and Football \$ 1,310.00
- ASLAN Enterprises – Cutler Field \$ 510.00
- GELD:
 - Cow Pond – FB Field \$ 6.75
 - Cow Pond – FB Stand \$ 232.96
 - Cow Pond – BB Field \$ 28.93
 - Cow Pond Ball Field Parking Lot \$ 12.00
 - Cow Pond Brook Soccer \$ 219.79
 - Stonebridge Fields \$ 51.38
 - Cutler Field \$ 63.72
 - Wheeler Park \$ 6.75
 - Basketball Court(park) \$ 57.20
 - 5 Commons - Flagpoles \$ 32.50
 - Sawyer Common \$ 6.50
 - Chicopee Row at Sawtell \$ 6.75

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notification from Town Clerk regarding a Public Hearing for a Zoning Amendment.
- A letter from Nashua River Watershed regarding their Outdoor Wellness Walking Program.

FIELD USE REQUESTS:

- Request for Town Field baseball field from Lawrence Academy Athletics for September 1st to November 9th, 3:45pm to 5:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays.
- Request for Town Field and Gazebo from Groton Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for Saturday, September 15th at noon until Sunday, September 16th at noon.
- Request for Legion Common from Groton Board of Trade to hold Grotonfest on September 22nd with a rain date of September 23rd.
- Request for Town Field and Gazebo from the Florence Roche – Boutwell PTA for the annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 28th.
- All requests were approved.

REPORTS:

- Eagle Scout Project updates
 - Ryan Hamerla presented his timeline for his project to put a memorial in honor of Sgt. Woitowicz at Stonebridge Field.
 - The flag pole will need to be removed and relocated.
 - Mr. Black and the Woitowicz family have picked out a rock for the memorial.
 - The signage company has a proof of the plaque. Mr. Hamerla would like to see a copy of the proof.
 - Project is expected to be completed by the weekend of October 27th with a definitive deadline of November 3rd. The dedication will be Veteran's Day weekend, most likely November 10th.
 - Mr. Black asked Mr. Hamerla if he would still like to change the name of Stonebridge Field in honor of Sgt. Woitowicz. Mr. Hamerla said yes. Mr. Black made a motion to change the name of Stonebridge Field to Sgt. William Woitowicz Field on the day of the memorial dedication. Mr. Hall moved the motion and Ms. Smigelski seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Bennett Marston presented a slide show to update the commission on his project for Flag Enhancement at Sawyer Common. He is looking at executing the project in the

summer of 2013. Mr. Black signed his Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal on behalf of the Parks Commission.

- Soil testing Results on playing fields
 - Results are back for all fields.
 - All fields need a lime application, some more than others.
 - The only known local vendor for liming is Hollis Farm of Lunenburg. The cost is \$75-\$80/ton of lime. It is estimated that it will cost around \$2,000-\$2,300 to do all of the fields.
 - Mr. Smigelski would like us to find out what the phosphate levels are.
- Hazel Grove Tree Pruning
 - Ms. Smigelski has one verbal and two written estimates. Mead came in at \$1150, Brackett at \$1250, and Flagg at \$2400. The preference will be George Brackett because he is local. Ms. Smigelski will check with him to see if he can complete the job in one day.
 - The plan is to trim low-hanging limbs that could be dangerous to the track and in entering the track from the barns.
 - It will require bucket truck work and chipping.
 - Some of the limbs will be used by the Pony Club to make jumps.
 - About 10 complete trees need to come down.
 - The most opportune time to do it is before winter.
 - Mr. Lagasse has not cooperated in meeting with Ms. Smigelski to see if he has concerns about cutting near the Lagasse property.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Mr. Black adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm. The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Becky Babcock

Administrative Assistant

Parks Commission