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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2012 at Legion Hall

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

GUESTS: Carol Coutrier, Lyle Hamerla, Ryan Hamerla, Bob Johnson, David Pitkin, Marion Stoddard

MEETING OPENED: Mr. Black opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes for the September 12th and 19th meetings were read. They were unanimously approved.

BILLS SIGNED:

- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Field \$ 14.35
- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Stand \$ 162.45
- GELD – Cow Pond – BB Field \$ 8.08
- GELD – Cow Pond Ball Fld Pkg Lot \$ 12.00
- GELD – Cow Pond Brook Soccer \$ 139.41
- GELD – Stonebridge Fields \$ 38.88
- GELD – Cutler Field \$ 55.63
- GELD – Wheeler Park \$ 5.85
- GELD – Basketball Court(park) \$ 34.42
- GELD – 5 Commons - Flagpoles \$ 32.50
- GELD – Sawyer Common \$ 6.50
- GELD – Chicopee Row at Sawtell \$ 5.85
- United Site Service \$ 544.00
- United Site Service – July 4th \$ 274.50
- Waste Management \$ 51.37
- Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler \$ 218.91
- Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler \$ 211.41
- ASLAN Enterprises-Stonebridge \$ 770.00
- ASLAN – Cow Pond Soccer/FB \$ 1310.00
- ASLAN – Cow Pond Baseball \$ 640.00
- ASLAN – Cutler \$ 510.00
- ASLAN – Town Field \$ 640.00
- ASLAN – Cow Pond FB/Lacrosse \$ 780.00

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FIELD USE REQUESTS:

- Request for Minuteman Town Common for Yard Sale by Nancy LaFosse.
- Request for Town Field for Spooky Walk by Jay and Pat Lawrence
- Both requests were unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

- The Greenway Committee gave a presentation regarding the Warrant Article 18 for Town Meeting to approve funding for the design of a replacement for Fitch's Bridge. Fitch's Bridge is key in connecting 70 miles of trails on the east side of the Nashua River with 30 miles of trails on the west side of the river. The committee requested a letter of support to the Selectmen for the article from the Parks Commission. Mr. Strauss made a motion to support the Greenway Article 18 and a subsequent vote at a Special Town Meeting in January for the project to be approved. Ms. Smigelski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in support of all the Greenway's efforts to have Fitch's Bridge torn down, and a new design done, and the bridge to be replaced. Ms. Babcock will draft the letter of support.
- Ryan Hamerla updated his Eagle Scout project. The hole for the boulder has been dug and the boulder is to be delivered on Friday, October 19th. The Stonebridge Field neighborhood is going to plant and maintain a Memorial Garden around the boulder. The flag pole will be moved nearer to the boulder. Saturday morning, November 10th will be the day of the dedication service. It will be held rain or shine.
- Mr. Hamerla's dedication service will have 1 teacher, Sheila Harrington, Eileen Donahue, Kevin Woitowicz, and Ryan Hamerla speaking. There will also be a celebration of the 237th anniversary of the Marine Corps. The Parks Commissioners will open a meeting at the dedication to officially make a motion to close Stonebridge Field and reopen it as the Sgt. William Woitowicz Field.
- Sunday, November 11th will be the regular Veterans' Day observance. As part of the service, David Fitzpatrick's Eagle Scout project, the Gold Star Memorial, will be dedicated.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Strauss will e-mail a copy of the proposed FY14 budget to the commissioners.
- Montachusett Sprinkler bills – Mr. Black and Mr. Ohringer will talk to them about the May bill and the commissioners' problem with that the work was never authorized.

- Hazel Grove tree pruning – Mr. Brackett and Ms. Smigelski will do most of the work that is needed.
- Aeration and Liming – Lawrence Academy is willing to aerate the Town fields with their equipment. The plan is to aerate them this fall after the leagues are finished with their schedules. The liming will be done on all fields with emergency funding from the FinCom.
- Mr. Strauss will be attending the October 22nd Selectmen's meeting to ask for 15 acres of Surrenden Farm to be turned over to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for their use. Also, he will be asking for 35 acres of land at the DPW on Cow Pond Brook Road to be turned over to Parks for 3 more playing fields.
- A letter recognizing Ms. Smigelski as the Park Commission representative to the Community Preservation Committee is needed. The original letter cannot be found.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Mr. Black adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm. The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Becky Babcock

Administrative Assistant

Parks Commission