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Park Commissioners

Kenneth Bushnell, Chair
Evan Boucher
Robert Flynn
James Gaffney
Timothy Siok

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 6, 2018
Time: 7 pm
Location: Town Hall First Floor – Meeting Room
Commissioners Present: Kenneth Bushnell, Evan Boucher, James Gaffney
Commissioners Absent: Timothy Siok, Robert Flynn
Visitors Present: John Kelly, Groton-Dunstable Baseball

Kenneth Bushnell called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Pending invoices

Pending invoices were reviewed and signed.

Kenneth Bushnell moved to approve and pay pending invoices. Evan Boucher seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Minutes

Kenneth Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018. Evan Boucher seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Triangle Portable Services- order form

The Seasonal Order Form is due to Triangle Portable. The order is the same as last year. The start of the season is April 1, 2018. Delivery should be before April 1st. Woitowicz 2, Cow Pond 4 (2 Baseball, 2 Soccer) Cutler 2, Town Field add 1.

Field Use Permit Applications

Groton Community School - Shagufta Rahman

Field Use Application request from Groton Community School, Shagufta Rahman to use Town Field and Gazebo on June 1, 2018 from 4:30pm – 7:30pm (Rain date June 8, 2018) for Groton Community School Annual Picnic
Application submitted February 27, 2018
Insurance submitted – valid through 10-1-2018.
Additionally requesting power of the event.

Kenny Bushnell moved to approve the Groton Community School's Field Use Application for use of Town Field and Gazebo on June 1, 2018 (Rain date June 8, 2018) from 4:30pm to 7:30pm for the Annual School Picnic. Evan Boucher seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

GrotonFest Event – Dominique Larkin

Field Use Application request from Dominique Larkin, Co-Coordinator of GrotonFest to use Legion Field, 6pm, Friday, September 28 2018 to Sunday, September 30, 2018 7pm for the three day GrotonFest Event,
Application submitted February 14, 2018
Insurance will be submitted in September

Kenny Bushnell moved to approve the GrotonFest Event Field Use Application for use of Legion Field Friday, September 28, 2018 at 6pm to Sunday, September 30, 2018 7:30 pm for the three day GrotonFest Event. Evan Boucher seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

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Challenger Sports – Amanda Dodds *continued from February 13, 2018.*

Field Use Application request from Amanda Dodds, Challenger Sports to use Cow Pond Field for Soccer Camp August 20, 2018 to August 24, 2018 Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm.

Ken Bushnell contacted Chris Davey, Groton Soccer to confirm his approval for Challenger Sports use of Town Field for the Challenger Sports Soccer Camp. He stated that the camp has many Groton children in attendance and has held this soccer camp for many years.

Application submitted on February 6, 2018

Insurance will be submitted in August.

Capital Improvements

Post and Rail Fence

Gate City Fence has been asked for a price to do the work. They did the work on the dugouts. They did good work. Ken Bushnell will reach out for a quote.

Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts

Continued from previous meeting Ken Bushnell proposed to repurpose the Tennis Courts into Basketball Courts. He stated it would not require too much work, basically resurfacing the asphalt, fencing, nets and maybe some lighting. The repurposing the courts would result in a great community gathering spot for the town.

Softball Field

The Commission proposed adding a true softball field somewhere in Town. The possible fields are Town Field or Cutler. It may be possible to dig up the old clay that has been covered making a softball field cost effective. The Commission will discuss further in the future.

Skate Park

Evan Boucher has been working on a finding location to put a Skate Park in town. Locations that he thought were good options, such as the land behind the Country Club, have not worked out. The Commission will discuss it further in the future.

The Town CPC funds are currently low. Therefore submitting an application for what the track would cost would likely not be granted at this time.

Signs for Field

Kenny Bushnell proposed looking into getting permanent signs for each field. The Commissioners brainstormed about possible styles and locations. The members think signage for the fields would be a good investment.

Administrative

- Eagle Scout Project – The Commission received an email for Scout Will Arthur asking if the Park Commission had any ideas for an Eagle Scout Project.
Chair Kenny Bushnell will contact Will with a proposal.
- Schedule for Fertilizing of the fields

Groton Baseball – John Kelly

1. Groton Youth Baseball will fund the exterior renovation of the Cow Pond 2 shed. John received a quote from Nashoba Tech to do the work. Baseball will pay \$2,000 for the work. The plan is to renovate the shed to match the concessions sheds. The work may have to be in the fall due to school schedule.
2. Groton Baseball would like to discuss with the HDC their decision not to approve the location of the shed's placement on Town Field behind home plate. Groton Baseball would like the original location and design reconsidered.

The Commission will talk to Soccer to do the same regarding their sheds.

The Commission recommended doing a site walk with the HDC. The HDC meets on March 20th. Maureen will contact HDC Chair to request a site walk for that meeting.

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3. Groton Baseball would like to hire Babin Landscaping for the field work this spring. Park Commission agreed to the change in vendor. Park Commission will take care of invoice.
4. Mead Tree did work at Cow Pond cutting back trees along the third baseline. Baseball will pay \$2,200 invoice.
5. John asked the Park Commission for assistance in removing the old rusted truck body near the woodline near Cow Pond 1
6. All equipment has been transferred to the new Cow Pond 1 shed.
7. Baseball numbers are down this year. Total players 215.
8. John Kelly will submit field use applications tomorrow for NEB and Groton Baseball to Maureen.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Kenneth Bushnell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Evan Boucher seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.