## Meeting Minutes

## Park Commissioners

Donald Black, Chair

Brenden Mahoney, Vice Chair

Anna Eliot

Gail Chalmers

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**Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

**Time: 5:00 PM**

**Location: Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room**

**Commissioners Present: Donald Black, Anna Eliot, Gail Chalmers, Brenden Mahoney**

**Others Present: Tammi Mickel - Parks Assistant**

**5:00 PM**  Chairman Donald Black calls meeting to order at 5:00PM

 Don said this meeting is to discuss 2 Capital Expenditures.

**Bill for Hydroseeding –** Don said the commons were loamed and hydroseeded. The total bill was $7,280.00. DPW will pay $5,780 and Parks will pay $1,500.

G. Chalmers motioned to approve $1,500 for hydroseeding; seconded by B. Mahoney, it was

 Voted to approve hydroseeding at

 ***The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Yes: AE, BM, DB, GC)***

**Acquisition of New Lawn Mower** – Don spoke with Nick Kiernan who part of the GDYBL league. Nick stated the grass at Cow Pond baseball fields are thick and grows fast. During baseball, when the ball is hit, it stops due to the tall thick grass. He asked if the highway could mow more than once a week and lower the deck to cut the grass shorter. Brenden dad a conversation with Tom Delany from highway. The highway department mows Cow Pond once a week and due to limited resources, they are unable to accommodate additional mowing. The Parks discussed the option to purchase a mower for Cow Pond field so the fields are safe for playing and up to ideal playing conditions. The mower would be stored at Cow Pond field and GDYBL would have rights to use the mower to maintain the baseball fields. Nick spoke with the other members of the GDYBL and they were on board. Nick has experience being a grounds keeper. Anna would like the user groups to maintain the mower. Don said the Parks would own the mower so we would be the ones to maintain and service it to assure it get maintained properly. Don said we got a quote on a Ferris ISX800 mower from Toreku Tractor for $8,800 and a quote from Chappell Tractor for $9,999.00. He said he also called Richey and Clapper and they do not carry Ferris mowers. Where the quote is under $10,000, we did not need to go to the bid list. This Ferris mower does not have a collection container, instead it will mulch up the grass.

A. Eliot motioned to purchase a Ferris mower from Toreku Tractor for $8,800 for Cow Pond field with the provision to work with the user group on usage, maintenance and storage, seconded by B. Mahoney, it was

 Voted to approve the purchase of a Ferris ISX900 mower from Toreku Tractor for $8,800.

 ***The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Yes: AE, BM, GC) DB***

**Commissioner updates / comments** -Anna asked where this is Don’s last meeting with Parks, would he be the project manager for the 2 CPC approved applications. Don said he will oversee the 2 current CPC approved applications for Cutler field softball diamonds and Town field diamond rebuild, well and irrigation.

**Adjourn:** Commissioner D. Black calls to adjourn at: 5:27 PM.

 Upon a motion made by B. Mahoney seconded by A. Eliot, it was;

 Voted to adjourn the May 16,2023 Parks Commission meeting.

 ***The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Yes: AE, BM, DB, GC)***

**Next Meeting: June 6, 2023 @ 5:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Tammi Mickel, Parks Assistant**

Date Approved: June 6, 2023