

Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes 4/11/18

Present: Zack Boyajian [Chair], Ansel Sanborn [Secretary], Ewen McKinnon, Tom Jameson, Jon White

Absent: Joe Montambault

Public: Donna Chagnon, Tony Shinella

1] Chairman Zack Boyajian called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Selectmen's Office.

2] After review, a MOTION to approve the Minutes of 3/14/18 was made by Ewen and seconded by Tom. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

3] Tony Shinella, Commissioner of the Concord Co-Ed Softball League, attended the meeting to explore using the upper field at Carpenter Park for some of his League's games. The 16 team league uses fields in Concord and surrounding towns for games played Monday through Thursday evenings at 6 PM. The League carries a \$2.0 million insurance policy and often pays a donation or fee to communities for field use on a game or seasonal basis. They are interested in using Chichester's field 1 to 3 times per week this season and would be open to making a donation for this privilege.

After discussion, the Commission was interested in Tony's proposal since anticipated usage at the field is likely to be less this year and any revenue could be used to support the playground project. There are issues to be resolved: coordination with Chichester Youth Association (CYA) and other traditional users; development of park user guidelines; approval of this usage and acceptance of donation by the Board of Selectmen; and development of a written agreement.

Zack will contact other towns to learn of their experience with the league and coordinate this issue with other users.

4] Donna Chagnon had expressed interest in the Parks and Recreation Commission and was attending the meeting to learn more about our work. Zack thanked Donna for her interest, and led a discussion by the group of our ongoing and proposed work.

5] Jon reported on ongoing fund raising efforts for the playground. Both CYA and the Old Home Day Committee had discussed contributing to the playground fund raising effort. Incorporating personalized pavers (similar to those at the community building) into the playground design were discussed as a source of funds.

Displaying fund raising progress with a “thermometer” display similar to that used for the gazebo effort was discussed and endorsed.

Jon made a MOTION seconded by Ewen to spend up to \$60. for two displays. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

Methods of accepting donations for the playground project were discussed and will be researched.

6] To complete the park entry kiosk, a locking, glass display case is needed. LWCF signage, trail maps, and park usage guidelines will be displayed there.

Ewen made a MOTION, seconded by Jon to spend up to \$250. for a locking, glass display case. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

7] Maintenance/ operations at the park were discussed. Final utility hook ups in the community building, water line extension to the mid-field spigot, and coordination with CYA for field clean up day are underway. Ewen provided information on the use and cost of open paving blocks as a potential solution to trail washouts.

8] The May Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 PM at the Carpenter Park pavilion.

9] Ansel made a MOTION seconded by Tom to adjourn. The MOTION passed with all in favor at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Ansel Sanborn, Secretary

Approved at 5/9/2018 Meeting, Zachary Boyajian Chair