

Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes 11/11/2020

Present: Zack Boyajian [Chair], Ansel Sanborn [Secretary], Tom Jameson, Robyn Eldredge, Jon White, Chris Haines, Mark Thomas

Absent: Ewen MacKinnon

1] Chairman Zack Boyajian called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Grange Hall, 54 Main Street, and called the roll of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members.

2] After review and minor corrections, a MOTION to approve the Minutes of 10/14/2020 as amended was made by Tom and seconded by Robyn. All in favor, the MOTION passes. Zack approved and signed the revised minutes.

3] The softball club which used the park fields on November 7 and 8 made a donation of \$200. Zack will present the donation to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and request that the funds be reserved for field maintenance in the Capital Reserve Account if appropriate.

4] Town budget requests are due by November 23. Discussion on the current budget included whether the annual expenditure for portable toilets and the cost for basketball court repair had been included.

In the 2021 budget, the cost for two replacement picnic tables should be included and the cost of park mowing should be broken out as its own entry.

5] Discussion of future initiatives included: the purchase of a park utility vehicle versus annual contracting for field and trail maintenance; creation of a family game area near the horseshoe pits; expanding the basketball court; and replacing the parking lot wooden guard rail. The timing of CIP initiatives was also discussed.

6] The Town Administrator had explained that PRC members and volunteers were covered during sponsored events by the Town's liability insurance. Zack will request further info regarding this insurance.

7] Robyn volunteered to research several topics: examples of park usage agreements in use in other towns; estimated cost for contracted field and trail maintenance; and the cost to rehab the existing fields (including levelling and reseeding).

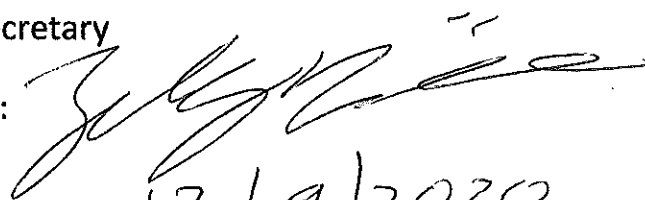
8] Zack proposed disposing of the old playground equipment currently stored at the town shed and other materials behind the community building. He will work to organize this effort.

Having no further business, a MOTION to adjourn was made at 8:00 PM by Robyn and seconded by Jon. The MOTION passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Ansel Sanborn, Secretary

Not Approved Until Signed

Approved:


12/9/2020