Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes 5/12/2021

Present: Zack Boyajian [Chair], Ansel Sanborn [Secretary], Mark Thomas

Absent: Tom Jameson, Jon White, Ewen MacKinnon, Robyn Eldredge, Chris

Haines

Public: Charles Mewkill, Morgan Mewkill

1] Chairman Zack Boyajian called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM at the pavilion at Carpenter Park, and called the roll of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members. Lack of a quorum was noted and no official votes were to be taken.

- 2] Charles and Morgan Mewkill are planning to build a home on Carpenter Road adjacent to the park. They were concerned that the perimeter trail bench adjacent to the horse shoe pits faced their property and would impact their privacy. Options for vegetation screening or changes in bench design or location were discussed. The topic will be revisited when more PRC members are present.
- 3] Zack discussed contacts for field usage from two softball leagues.

Suncook River Softball League wanted to use the upper field from June 7 thru late August on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Quad League Softball wanted to use the upper field on Sundays from 9AM to 1 PM through the last weekend in July.

Discussion centered on insurance for participants, garbage removal, donations for field use, and the recent work by CYA to improve the grass on the upper fields. Zack was to contact CYA regarding when the fields were ready for use and to contact the two leagues regarding schedule, insurance, garbage removal, and donations.

4] Mark and Frank Harrison developed the budget necessary to construct the conceptual plan for improvements to the park entrance which they had developed. The \$2910, budget and volunteer labor would complete the first phase of the entrance. PRC funds and donations would be sought to finance this work.

The topic will be further discussed when more PRC members are present.

- 5] Zack is working with the school on securing a recreational trail grant for improvements to the school trails and a new trail connection to the library.
- 6] This summer, the Department of Environmental Services will treat Deer Meadow Pond to control milfoil.

5] Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Ansel Sanborn, Secretary

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Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes 4/14/2021

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

Absent: Robyn Eldredge, Chris Haines

Public: Caroline Pynes, Librarian

- 1] Chairman Zack Boyajian called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the pavilion at Carpenter Park, and called the roll of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members.
- 2] Caroline Pynes, the town librarian, proposed holding a Chichester Library summer kickoff party at Carpenter Park for June 21 at 10:30 AM (with a rain date of June 23 at 10:30 AM). In addition to games and activities, Caroline proposed constructing a story walk for families to read a story told on multiple stations along a walking route. The story walk would remain over the summer.

PRC members supported these plans.

3] Zack attended the recent Selectmen's meeting:

The Road Agent will remove and dispose of the remaining PRC used equipment stored at the Town Shed.

4] Regarding work at the park:

PRC members discussed soliciting a volunteer to manage the flag at the park.

Mark will contact Asplundh regarding getting woodchips for park use.

Tom suggested reinstalling the existing dividers and acquiring additional dividers in the parking lot to create 4 rows of parking.

Ansel made a MOTION seconded by Ewen to spend up to \$200. For additional parking lot delineation. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

Mark will work to resolve the gutter situation on the community building by focusing on 10' gutter over the garage door with appropriate downspout.

Mark and Frank Harrison have a conceptual plan for improvements to the park entrance which they will continue to work on.

After a discussion of replacement picnic tables, Ewen made a MOTION seconded by Zack to spend up to \$600. on 2 handicap accessible picnic tables. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

5] Having no further business, a MOTION to adjourn was made at 7:45 PM by Ansel and seconded by Ewen. The MOTION passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Ansel Sanborn, Secretary

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