

# Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission

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## Minutes 10/10/18 Meeting

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

Absent: Joe Montambault, Jon White

Public: Robyn Eldredge

The meeting came to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Board of Selectmen's office.

1] After review, a MOTION to approve the minutes of 9/12/18 was made by Tom and seconded by Ewen. The MOTION passed with all in favor.

2] Robyn Eldredge of the Chichester Youth Association (CYA) reported on the work that she and Jon White of the Parks and Recreation Commission had accomplished in support of the project to replace the playground at Carpenter Park.

A] With its status as a non-profit organization, CYA has agreed to accept donations on behalf of the playground project. To date, \$1,000. Has been donated from Old Home Day activities and \$250. through the sale of pumpkins by Robyn.

B] A letter explaining the project has been posted on the CYA website, on the Town website and distributed to a number of local businesses and civic organizations. Info on the project will be published in the Suncook Valley Sun and Concord Monitor.

C] A local resident has offered to donate the removal of the existing playground and leveling of the site. This work is planned to occur after the end of soccer season and before this year's Trunk or Treat and Haunted Walk activity at which a sign explaining the playground project will be posted.

D] The estimated project cost of \$40,000. will be verified by researching the recent playground installation by Pittsfield, exploring installation options, and refining the design.

E] The best approach for presenting the project to the town will continue to be discussed.

The members thanked Robyn and Jon for their ongoing efforts.

3] Future parks and recreation projects to be included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) were discussed. Focus areas included playground construction in 2019, equipment for park maintenance in 2022, park facilities upgrade in 2025, and basketball court reconstruction in 2028. Zack will prepare CIP documents based on these recommendations.

4] Since the last meeting, volunteers have spread approximately 20 cubic yards of wood chips and reconfigured elements of the natural playground in response to the safety review and joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

Ewen made a MOTION seconded by Tom to spend up to \$350. for additional wood chips to complete the surface treatment for the natural playground. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

5] Drainage issues around the community building were discussed. All agreed that the installation of roof gutters would likely solve the problem.

Ewen made a MOTION seconded by Tom to spend up to \$350. for gutters on the community building. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

6] Additional items to be addressed in 2019 included:

Ensuring that the park mowing program include mowing the hillside above the amphitheater and periodic trimming along the perimeter trail.

Construction of an additional info kiosk for the 0.5 mile trail adjacent to the town highway building.

7] Ansel made a MOTION seconded by Zack to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

6] The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Ansel Sanborn, Secretary

Approved March 13, 2019, Zachary Boyajian, Chair