Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes 10/13/2021

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

Absent: Robyn Eldredge, Ewen MacKinnon

- 1] Chairman Zack Boyajian called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM at the town offices and called the roll of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members.
- 2] After review, a MOTION to approve the minutes of 9/15/21 was made by Zack and seconded by Mark. All in favor, the MOTION passed.
- 3] Mark reviewed comments received at Old Home Day from people viewing the PRC displays:

"The Spaulding Lot trail is awesome."

Ideas for additional facilities:

A place to swim.

A bike path.

A park skating rink.

A community garden.

4] Regarding the Spaulding lot:

The trail has been blazed and a kiosk installed.

Some tree removal is needed.

Trail guidelines should be created and posted.

5] Improvements to the park entrance are planned for next year. We will prepare an estimate for Zack to present to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to determine the best approach.

Donations have been received for park maintenance from various field users, from sales of ice cream, and from the Old Home Day race. During the budgeting process, we should clarify where these funds should be held.

6] To provide a guide for the next 10 years of PRC activities, it is time to update the Recreation Master Plan. The public and our recreation partners (Chichester Conservation Commission, Chichester Youth Association, and Chichester Central School) should be included in this effort.

Tom suggested that recreation efforts, scheduling, and information such as trail information should be better coordinated and shared.

7] Updates:

The Haunted Trail and Trunk or Treat are planned for the park.

Trail signing has been installed at Carpenter Park and Shaw Pasture by Dave Testerman as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Mark plans to get estimates for removal of problem trees near the basketball court.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Ansel Sanborn, Secretary July Corr

Not Approved Until Signed

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