

Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes 4/10/19

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

Absent: Joe Montambault

Public: Heather White

- 1] Zack called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM at the Chichester town office.
- 2] After review, a MOTION to approve the minutes of 3/13/19 was made by Ewen and seconded by Robyn. The MOTION passed with all in favor.
- 3] Zack reported that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) had decided to review each Town organization charters prior to filling vacant or expired organization positions. Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members who had received notice from Jodi Pinard of expired positions reported that they had responded with letters of interest for reappointment.

Pending reappointments, the PRC took the following actions:

Ansel made a MOTION seconded by Robyn to select Zack as Chair of the PRC. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

Ansel made a MOTION seconded by Robyn to select Tom as Vice-Chair of the PRC. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

Robyn made a MOTION seconded by Jon to select Ansel as Secretary of the PRC. All in favor, the MOTION passed.

- 4] PRC reviewed the new Town of Chichester website. All agreed that the website was much improved and, with a few modifications, could be even more useful.

Zack reported that he had submitted officially signed PRC minutes from 2014 forward for inclusion on the PRC page.

The three PRC calendars for Carpenter Park usage have been deleted from the new website. The consensus of the group was that Carpenter Park scheduling for the pavilion, the lower athletic field, the upper baseball/ softball field, and the upper soccer field should be included on a single PRC Carpenter Park calendar on a linked Carpenter Park page. This page could also include a history of the park, trail maps, and contact information describing how one would request park facility usage. Jon volunteered to contact Town staff with these comments and requests and the offer to help implement them. Robyn said that Chichester Youth Association (CYA) practice and game schedules will be available for posting soon. Heather suggested that printed copies of the schedules be posted on the park entry kiosk.

5] Robyn reported that with the passage of the PRC playground warrant article at Town Meeting and approval by the BOS, the playground equipment has been ordered. The plastic playground edging and the handicap access ramp have both arrived with the remainder of the equipment to be shipped by mid-April.

Robyn has recruited volunteers to prepare the site, drill foundation holes, assemble and erect the structure, and spread surfacing materials. Over the next two weeks, the site will be prepared and, once the final foundation plans arrive, holes will be drilled. The plan is to assemble and erect the playground on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28.

Due to Town support and the excellent volunteer effort, the new playground will be ready at the beginning of the spring sports season and for the many families who enjoy the park.

6] CYA has invited the PRC and Conservation Commission to their spring park cleanup day on April 14 at 3 PM. In addition to the planned athletic field work, PRC plans to concentrate on tree and brush clearing and trail work.

7] Recently, poison ivy has been encroaching on the sides of the basketball court and the hillside above the amphitheater. PRC plans to address this problem by spraying the emerging poison ivy with a mixture of epsom salts, vinegar, and dish detergent.

8] The backboards, rims, and nets on the basketball court are very worn. CYA has proposed partnering with PRC to replace this equipment.

After discussion, Robyn made a MOTION seconded by Tom to spend up to \$250. to replace this worn equipment. All in favor, the MOTION passed. Jon will coordinate this replacement with CYA.

9] Tom mentioned the need to better delineate the parking lot. This delineation maximizes parking by laying out space for two center rows of parking. He will get an estimate for additional plastic delineators and the plastic chain to connect them. Next steps will be discussed at the May 8 PRC meeting which will be held at the park pavilion.

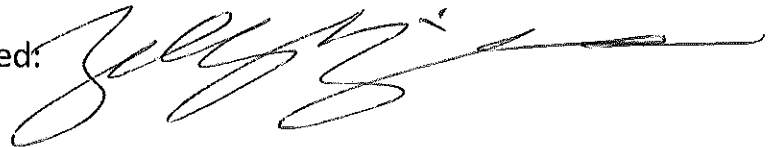
10] Central NH Regional Planning Commission will hold a May 1 forum in Chichester to discuss regional recreation trails. A possible initiative being discussed with area towns is trail work on the former Suncook Valley Railroad.

11] At 7:55 PM, a MOTION to adjourn was made by Ansel and seconded by Ewen. The MOTION passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Ansel Sanborn, Secretary

Not Approved Until Signed

Approved:

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