

PARKS AND RECREATION
MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
DECEMBER 9, 2019
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

KAREN SMITH, CHAIR
PAUL GIBBONS, VICE CHAIR
STEPHEN BANNON
THOMAS NORTON
ILANA SIEGAL
WILLIAM MEIER
CHARLES BOUTEILLER
PATRICIA SALVI

NOT PRESENT:

LIZ HIRSH

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of November 12, 2019

MOTION: Paul Gibbons to approve

SECOND: Stephen Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:

None

4. PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- A. **Memorial Field Update** – Michael Powell from Powerhouse Square was present to update the commissioners on the project. He advised that Phase I is completing and the parking lot will be finished in the next month or two. Phase II will be built only if financials work out. The commissioners noted that they thought the new dugout and new back stop and seating would be completed by now. The commissioners stated that they are willing to do the project at Memorial Field as a capital project this fiscal year at a cost of approximately \$60,000. It was explained that no access road to Phase II would be allowed if the town completes the Memorial Field project. The parks commissioners stated that the field needs to get up and running. It was further explained that the Town needs a date, time and completion certain and it needs to be known within the next month about the plans. The capital requests are due by 2/20/19. It was also noted that the backstop is in the wrong place and it doesn't have sides on it to prevent cars from being hit by balls.

MOTION: Paul Gibbons to add \$60,000 to the capital budget to complete the Memorial Field project.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 8-0

- B. Updates from Sean VanDeusen – DPW Superintendent – He was not present.
- C. Dewey Park/Grove Street – no update
- D. Open Space and Recreation Task Force – Liz Hirsh – no update
- E. 5 Year Capital Plan – Sean is preparing the budget

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Housatonic Community enter and Gazebo – under parks jurisdiction

MOTION: Ilana Siegal to put the Gazebo and Housatonic Community Center under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

SECOND: Paul Gibbons

VOTE: 8-0

- B. Tighe and Bond Park Inventory, Needs Assessment and Mapping – Sean not present

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Berkshire South – no one present.
- B. Railroad Street Youth Project – Not present.
- C. Extending the Swim Area – After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: William Meier to extend the swim area at Lake Mansfield contingent on the cost.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 8-0

Further discussion will be done in April

- D. Skating Rink at Memorial Field – no discussion
- E. National Fitness Park Grant – Karen Smith –She advised she sent the video to each Parks Commissioners. Karen noted that there is a National Fitness Park grant available – where we could receive \$30,000 of it. The total cost would be \$130,000. It could be part of the Master Plan and possibly put in at Memorial Field. It is 38 x 38 and weathers well. Karen said in order to apply for the grant they have to have an evaluation phone call with the head of the Select Board and Town Manager and herself. She is not going forward until the Commission agrees. CPA could be approached about funding. It was left that if the commissioners have questions to submit them to Karen and it will be left on the agenda for January.

7. **CITIZEN'S SPEAK:**

None

8. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:**

None

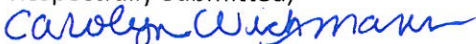
9. **NEXT MEETING**

- A. Monday, January 13, 2020 – Mason Library – 5:00 P.M.

10. **ADJOURNEMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Tom made a motion to adjourn and Pat Salvi Seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann

Recording Secretary