

PARKS COMMISSIONERS

Present: Karen, Paul, Stephen, Pat, Anthony, Ilana, Chris, Tom, Charlie

MEETING AGENDA

MASON LIBRARY

231 MAIN STREET

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

5:00 P.M.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of October 10, 2017 – approved 9-0 with amendments

2. **PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:**

- A. Betsy Andrus, Chamber of Commerce to use Memorial Field on Saturday, December 9, 2017 for Fireworks in conjunction with the Holiday Stroll. The time of the fireworks is from 7:10 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Discussion/Vote) Approved 8-1 – Paul Gibbons was against.

3. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

- A. Updates from Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent – Karen Smith updated the commissioners as Sean was not present.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Laura Harner – Berkshire South –Parks Management Report – Laura presented the 2017 Summer Parks Management Report for Memorial Field, Housatonic Park and Lake Mansfield.
B. Update on fields at Olympian Meadows – Paul Gibbons presented a report of the sub-committee in regard to renovating the fields at Olympian Meadows.
C. Giggle Park Update – Karen Smith – Karen noted she met with Jane Iredale in regard to upgrades to the park.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Ilana Siegel – Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force – The road situation was updated and what direction to take. Storm water was discussed and changes to the loop. The will be going to CPA for funds.
B. Bench and Trash can at Old Maids – It was proposed to have further discussion....possibly a solar rash can. The area is mowed but it is not open as a park.

6. **CITIZENS SPEAK:**

Nick Diller was present to ask about replacing the backstop that was removed at Gilmore. He asked what he can do to help.

7. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:**

Pat Salvi noted Kiwanis painted the dugouts at Olympian Meadows with help from the Key Club from the High School. Tom said he would like to see a genuine children's playground in Great Barrington. Karen said that it is proposed to put bike stations at the library and skate park.

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

- A. December 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

6:30 p.m.

Karen Smith

Chair

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