

PARKS AND RECREATION
MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS, VICE CHAIRMAN
STEPHEN BANNON
THOMAS NORTON
ILANA SIEGAL
WILLIAM MEIER

NOT PRESENT:

KAREN SMITH
CHARLES BOUTEILLER
PATRICIA SALVI
LIZ HIRSH

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of October 15, 2019

MOTION: Tom Norton to approve
SECOND: Stephen Bannon
VOTE: 5-0

3. PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:

- A. Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, (Betsy Andrus) 40 Railroad Street, Great Barrington, MA for permission to use Memorial Field on Saturday, December 14, 2019 to set up fireworks. The fireworks will be set off from 7:15 to 7:30 p.m. (Discussion/Vote). After discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve with the condition that the park be cleaned up after the event.
SECOND: Tom Norton
VOTE: 4-1

4. PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

- A. Updates from Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent – Sean was not present.
B. Memorial Field Maintenance – Sean was not present.
C. Dewey Park and Grove Street Park – Liz Hirsh and Karen Smith – Liz had e-mailed Karen that she had nothing new to report on the OPRP or Dewey Park and Grove Street. She noted she would set up a meeting with Sean to discuss the next steps.
D. Open Space and Recreation Task Force – Liz Hirsh was not present.
E. 5 Year Capital Plan/Discussion – Sean was not present.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Housatonic Community Center and Gazebo – under parks jurisdiction – No discussion as it wasn't brought before the Select Board yet.

- B. Tighe & Bond Park Inventory – Needs Assessment and Mapping

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to table this until the December meeting.

SECOND: William Meier

VOTE: 5-1

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Berkshire South – Nick Pohl didn't have anything to report.

- B. Railroad Street Youth – No one was present from Railroad Street Youth.

- C. Extending the Swim area at Lake Mansfield – general discussion extending the area outward. The commissioners are waiting for Sean's advice. Nick Pohl noted it may warrant hiring a 3rd lifeguard.

- D. Skating Rink – Memorial Field

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to table the skating rink.

SECOND: Ilana Siegal

VOTE: 5-1

7. **CITIZEN'S SPEAK:**

None

8. **COMMISSIONER'S SPEAK:**

Tom Norton said he would like a different type of fence installed at Dewey Park – other than a chain link fence.

9. **NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, December 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

10. **ADJOURMENT:**

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to adjourn.

SECOND: Tom Norton

VOTE: 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann

Recording Secretary