

PARKS AND RECREATION
TOWN HALL, SMALL MEETING ROOM
334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

March 9, 2020

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

KAREN SMITH, CHAIR – not present

PAUL GIBBONS, VICE CHAIR

STEPHEN BANNON – not present

THOMAS NORTON – not present

ILANA SIEGAL – left at 5:30 p.m.

WILLIAM MEIER

CHARLES BOUTEILLER

PATRICIA SALVI

LIZ HIRSCH – left at 5:45 p.m.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of February 10, 2020

MOTION: Liz Hirsch to approve

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 5-0

3. PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:

- A. Erik Kries representing Great Barrington Little League, to use Olympian Meadows from April 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020, Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Discussion/vote). A completed Parks Usage Request Form was submitted along with a certificate of insurance naming the town as additional insured. Erik was advised that Sean will be at the next meeting to update the commissioners on the condition of the field and he may be asked to return to the April 13 meeting to be included in the update. Eric said he would like to know the status of the bathrooms.

MOTION: Pat Salvi made a motion to approve the request.

SECOND: Ilana Siegal

VOTE: 6-0

- B. Great Barrington Youth Softball (Mark Viola) to use Olympian Meadows from April 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. till dark on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. till dark on weekends. (Discussion/Vote) Sherie Ross was present to explain the request. A completed Parks Usage Request Form plus a certificate of Insurance naming the town as additional insured was included with the request. Paul said she may be asked to come to the meeting in April when Sean is available to update the commissioners on the condition of the field.

MOTION: Ilana Siegal to approve the request.

SECOND: Liz Hirsch

VOTE: 6-0

- C. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center (Amy Rudnick) to use the Town Hall green on Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the annual gala. The tent set up with be Friday, July 31, 2020 and taken down on Monday, August 3, 2020. (Discussion/Vote) Amy Rudnick was present to explain the request. A completed Parks Usage Request Form and a Certificate of Insurance was submitted. Amy noted Sean will be meeting with Mahaiwe Tent to discuss the grading behind town hall and the placement of the tent. Amy noted that Friday night, prior to the Mahaiwe event and the Fairview event, there would be a concert. (It was noted that Lee Rogers has been advised of the Mahaiwe and Fairview events). Amy asked if the David Grover concert could be moved to the side of Town Hall because there may be a liability issue because of the tent. The commissioners noted that that would not be safe. After discussion, it was noted to not make a decision on either the Mahaiwe event or Fairview event until Sean has met with Tom Cavanaugh from Mahaiwe Tent regarding the grading and placement of the tent. This will be further discussed at the April meeting. The requested dates were reserved.

MOTION: Charlie Bouteiller to reserve the requested dates for the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center Gala and the Fairview Hospital Gala.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 5-1

- D. Fairview Hospital (Amy Rudnick) to use the Town Hall green on Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Annual Gala. The tent set up will be Friday, August 28, 2020 and removed Monday, August 31, 2020. (Discussion/Vote) (**See discussion for the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center**). The requested dates have been reserved.

- E. 18 Degrees – Family Services for Western Massachusetts to use the Town Hall Park either Monday July 27, 2020 or on July 20, 2020 (alternate date) for an Annual Gala for kids 4 Harmony reception. A tent will be put up the Friday prior to the Monday event and taken down on the Tuesday after the event. (Discussion/Vote) Erin Sullivan was present to explain the request. She noted that they usually have the program at BCC in Pittsfield, but there is construction at the moment that hinders them having it there. A lot of the patrons are from the south county. She noted that the definite date is the July 27. It is a classical music performance and it is free. They will be using the town hall green for approximately an hour for a reception which includes food and drinks prior to the 7:00 p.m. performance at the Mahaiwe. After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Ilana to table making a decision and have them return to the April 13th meeting for further discussion.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 6-0

- F. Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth to use Memorial Field the last week of April. A Parks Usage Request Form was submitted. (Discussion/Vote). John Lucey was present to explain the request. He noted he will have the liability insurance after the sign-ups in April.

MOTION: Pat Salvi to approve the request subject to submitting a liability Insurance policy.

SECOND: Liz Hirsch

VOTE: 5-0

John was advised that he may need to return in April for an update on the field.

- G. Great Barrington Land Conservancy/Lake Mansfield Alliance to use the Lake Mansfield Beach Area greenspace on Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Lake Mansfield clean-up and celebration day (Discussion/Vote) No one present
- H. Great Barrington Land Conservancy/Lake Mansfield Alliance to use the Lake Mansfield Beach Area greenspace to provide yoga from June 29th – August 28th (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (Discussion/Vote) No one present
- I. Great Barrington Millers to use Memorial Field beginning April 5 through October. (Discussion/Vote) No Parks Usage Request submitted. This will be on the April 13th agenda.
- 4. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**
 - A. Memorial Field Update
 - B. Updates from Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent
Sean was not present so there was no discussion on the Memorial Field or any updates.
 - C. Dewey Park/Grove St. Park Review – no updates
 - D. Open Space and Recreation Task Force – Liz Hirsch – no updates
- 5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Housatonic Community Center and Gazebo – under parks jurisdiction – No discussion
 - B. Tighe & Bond Park Inventory, Needs Assessment, and Mapping – No discussion
- 6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Berkshire South – No discussion
 - B. Railroad Street Youth Project. – No discussion
- 7. **CITIZENS SPEAK:** - None
- 8. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:** - None
- 9. **NEXT MEETING**
Next Meeting is **Monday, April 13, 2020** – Town Hall - 5:00 P.M.
- 10. **ADJOURNMENT:**
The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. as there was no longer a quorum.

Carolyn Wichmann



Recording Secretary