

- B. 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)

The dates were reserved from the March 9th meeting but the event wasn't approved.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve on a provisional manner subject to what happens in the course of gathering requirements and if restrictions have been lifted

SECOND: Liz Hirshier

VOTE: Roll call vote:

Karen Smith	Yes
Paul Gibbons	No
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes
William Meier	Yes
Charles Bouteiler	Yes
Patricia Salvi	Yes
Liz Hirsh	Yes

MOTION CARRIED **8-0-1**

- C. 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) **They withdrew their request.**

- D. Great Barrington Land Conservancy/Lake Mansfield Alliance to use the Lake Mansfield Beach Area greenspace on Sunday, May 3, 2020- for Lake Mansfield cleanup and celebration day. **They withdrew their request.**

- E. 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)

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve upon the lake being opened by the governor.

SECOND: Ilana Siegal

VOTE: Roll call vote:

Karen Smith	Yes
Paul Gibbons	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes
William Meier	Yes
Charles Bouteiler	Yes
Patricia Salvi	Yes
Liz Hirsh	Yes

MOTION CARRIED **9-0**

- F. Great Barrington Millers to use Memorial Field when the parks are open through October 15th Sundays 8:30 to 3:00 p.m. When the parks are open through October 15. Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm through September 1. (Discussion/Vote) Tom Ingersoll was present via zoom. The schedule will be limited to 4 teams of 20 years of age and over. The first game is scheduled for the first weekend in May. It doesn't mean there will be a game at Memorial Field. We historically go through August. He would like to have Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to dusk and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to allow for a double header if we are to have one. ¾ of the time we will not be there on Sundays. Sean VanDeusen noted that construction on the field will be done in October by the coop. Tom noted they will be done by Labor Day.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve contingent upon the town or the state allowing the parks to open.

SECOND: Liz Hirsh

VOTE: Roll call vote:

Karen Smith	Yes
Paul Gibbons	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes
William Meier	Yes
Charles Bouteiler	Yes
Patricia Salvi	Yes
Liz Hirsh	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

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4. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Memorial Field Update

B. Updates from Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent – Swings have been taken down at the parks or in a manner where they can't be touched. Caution tape has been around everything. All parks are closed in terms of equipment.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon that all parks be closed by the Parks Department in such time either the governor or Parks Department reopens them.

SECOND: William Meier

VOTE: No vote was taken

Lana and Liz noted that closing the parks needs more clarifying. Karen noted that there will be a press release that will go out to the media outlets and on the Facebook page. It was noted that people are not honoring not using the equipment. The Olympian Meadows will be locked and no vehicles will be allowed to park. Mark Pruhenski read aloud the closure notice that will be put on line. After discussion, Karen noted that verbiage in the release should state that the equipment is taped off, there should be no gatherings of more than 10 people and use social distancing. Karen and Mark will rewrite the press release and send it out to everyone. As soon as it is dry, the construction at Giggle Park will finish up.

Sean noted that the sign companies are considered nonessential so it might take a while to obtain new signs. In the meantime, paper signs will be used.

The Gaga field location was discussed and after discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Ilana Siegal to put the Gaga Field at South Street Park.

SECOND: Paul Gibbons

VOTE: Roll call vote:

Karen Smith	Yes
Paul Gibbons	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes
William Meier	Yes
Charles Bouteiler	Yes
Patricia Salvi	Yes
Liz Hirsh	Yes

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4. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Housatonic Community Center and Gazebo – under parks jurisdiction – The Housatonic Community Center is now under the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation. Mark said he would reach out to the regulars and advise them to contact Parks and Recreation for using the center.

B. Tighe & Bond Park Inventory, Needs Assessment, and Mapping – Nothing new per Sean.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Berkshire South** – Jenise Lucy was present to speak on behalf of Berkshire South. She noted it is difficult to hire lifeguards now. She noted she would like to have certified lifeguard training in May preliminarily. There needs to be a clear message about the lake that if you do use the lake, you are swimming at your own risk and there are no lifeguards for now. There is funding left through June 30th.

B. **Railroad Street Youth Project**. – Ananda could not make contact with the Zoom. Karen said Ananda may have funding to have a staff person at the Skate Park to make sure things are safe. Karen noted she would try to contact her.

C. **Policies and Procedures re: COVID 19 situation** – already discussed earlier.

7. **CITIZENS SPEAK:** Chair will recognize individuals at this time who wish to speak – Mrs. Mooney noted that all votes in remote meetings must be a roll call vote

8. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:** Tom Norton said that Housatonic the Beautiful is scheduled to take place in two weeks, ending Saturday the 25th. This will be kept to the distancing guidelines. He noted he would like some garbage bags. It was noted he can pick them up outside the Ramsdell Library. Sean said the DPW will pick up the bags the following Monday.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting is **Monday, May 11, 2020** – TBA

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Paul Gibbons to adjourn.

SECOND: Stephen Bannon

VOTE: Roll call vote:

Karen Smith	Yes
Paul Gibbons	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes
William Meier	Yes
Charles Bouteiler	Yes
Patricia Salvi	Yes
Liz Hirsh	Yes

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Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Wichmann



Recording Secretary