

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**PARKS COMMISSIONERS (VIA ZOOM)**  
**GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020**  
**5:00 PM.**

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**\*\*\*\*ALL VOTES ARE ROLL CALL\*\*\*\***

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Monday, August 10, 2020

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**PRESENT:**        **KAREN SMITH, CHAIR,**  
                      **PAUL GIBBONS, VICE CHAIR**  
                      **ILANA SIEGAL**  
                      **THOMAS NORTON**  
                      **CHARLES BOUTEILLER**

1.        **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**  
          Karen called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2.        **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
          A.        Minutes of July 13, 2020  
          **MOTION:**        Paul Gibbons to approve.  
          **SECOND:**        Ilana Siegal  
          **ROLL CALL VOTE:**    Karen    yes  
                                 Paul    yes  
                                 Ilana    yes  
                                 Tom    yes  
                                 Charlie yes  
          **MOTION CARRIED**                    **5-0**

3.        **PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:**  
          A.        Senta Reis to extend yoga at Lake Mansfield – Discussion/Vote – The Memorial Field location on the agenda was incorrect. It should have noted Lake Mansfield. Senta Reis asked to extend her yoga program into September and October at Lake Mansfield.  
          **MOTION:**        Paul Gibbons to approve.  
          **SECOND:**        Tom Norton  
          **ROLL CALL VOTE:**    Karen    yes  
                                 Paul    yes  
                                 Ilana    yes  
                                 Tom    yes  
                                 Charlie yes  
          **MOTION CARRIED**                    **5-0**

4. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Updates from Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent – Sean said he met with Foresight Engineering to develop cost estimates and bid documents for the two softball fields and Memorial Field. We don't have to go out to bid or necessarily do the work but we will have the documents ready to go. Paul and Sean will meet with Foresight on the details. Sean said there are machines at both fields to pull the draggers to maintain the fields. The bases have arrived. The brush under the bleachers at Memorial Field was cut and the tree by the fence was cut. Giggle Park has been seeded.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Policies and Procedures re: COVID 19 situation – Phase 3 – Phase 3 is frozen right now.  
B. 2 vacancies for Parks Commissioners – Karen noted since there are two vacancies on the committee and it is important to have 5 members present in order to have a quorum.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Tighe & Bond Park Inventory, Needs Assessment, and Mapping – Sean said that this will begin in the next two weeks.  
B. Berkshire South – Andrew Sagarin said things are going well. People are following the rules. The limit of 50 people does not include open spaces. The average crowd in the morning is 36 and 54 in the afternoon. The crowd reaches 100 after 2 p.m. The Housatonic playground has 6 kids in the morning and 12 in the course of the day. The bees nest was taken care of. It was noted that it should be added to Facebook that there are events going on at the playground. The lifeguards will end August 30 at the lake. They will return for the Labor Day weekend – Saturday and Sunday. Andrew noted that Berkshire South is looking at extending their summer camp program. It was suggested looking into extending the parks program into October. Sean said we would need additional funding. Andrew said he would come up costs on extending the program.  
C. Railroad Street Youth Project – Ananda Timpane e-mailed Karen Smith her update. Ananda noted that information was sent out to the town, RSYP website and press releases in regard to programs happening in the RSYP tent at the Skate Park. During July, Lifework's Studio and RSYP opened registration for youth classes under the tent. Lifeworks will also be offering some of their adult classes as well. Sean McTeigue was unable to continue his position as Skate Park Coordinator. The position has been opened for applications.  
D. Dewey School status and signage – It was noted the last the commissioners knew was a fence was requested. After discussion, the following motion was made.  
**MOTION:** Paul Gibbons to instruct Sean to order a simple sign for Dewey Park.  
**SECOND:** Tom Norton  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**
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| Karen   | yes |
| Paul    | yes |
| Ilana   | yes |
| Tom     | yes |
| Charlie | yes |

**MOTION CARRIED** **5-0**

- E. Gaga Ball status – the Gaga ball court will be put in South Street park this week. Ilana said she would meet with Sean on the location.  
F. Ball field update all 4 – Paul and Sean – Olympian Meadows & Memorial Field – see updates from Sean VanDeusen. Paul and Sean will be meeting to discuss Olympian Meadows and Memorial Field. Paul said he would meet with Eric Kries to find out if there will be plans for fall ball.  
G. Update Powerhouse Square Memorial Field Renovation – Sean VanDeusen - No timeframe has been received from Bench Mark on their project. Sean said he would send a copy of the contract to Karen. He will reach out to the developer to see if they have a start date.

7. **CITIZENS SPEAK:**

None

8. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:**

None

9. **NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting is Monday, September 14, 2020 – TBA

10. ADJOURNMENT:  
MOTION: Paul Gibbons to adjourn.  
SECOND: Ilana Siegal  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karen yes  
Paul yes  
Ilana yes  
Tom yes  
Charlie yes  
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann  
Recording Secretary