

5:15 P.M.

NOT PRESENT: ILANA SIEGAL, TERRANCE CHAMBERLAND AND KAREN SMITH

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

A. Minutes of January 17, 2023 (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)

The Motion passed **6-0**

A. Berkshire International Film Festival 40 Railroad Street to use Town Hall Park from (Thursday) June 1, 2023 to June 4, 2023 (Sunday) for the Film Festival Weekend. The Tent will be put up on Wednesday (May 31) before the opening night on Thursday and will come down on Monday, June 5, 2023. (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)

MOTION PASSED **4-1**

Paul Gibbons raised the issue as to whether a majority of the Commission must vote to approve a request.

B. Great Barrington Girls Softball to use Olympian Meadows beginning April 1, 2023 to August 15, 2023, Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Discussion/Roll Call Vote) Ellyn Dupont said the league didn't maintain the field after the season

because they were told the field was going to be redone in the fall. She said it was maintained during the season. Joe Aberdale said he would look into it to see what has to be done. It was noted that people who walk the River walk let their dogs run around the fields. The Town will continue to mow the field. It was suggested to check with the high school about possibly using their soccer field. Joe said we have a new waiver and liability form that we would like to have signed.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Thomas Norton

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Stephen Bannon	Yes
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	William Meier	Yes
	Sridevi Reddy	Yes
	Paul Gibbons	Yes

The Motion passed **6-0**

4. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

A. **Memorial Field update** – Memorial Field is scheduled to go out to bid the first week of June and work will start Sept./Oct./Nov. Joe said he would look at the plans for the backstop. The bid for the bathrooms at Olympian Meadows is going out in April. The Town Hall campus bids will go out in June for construction next year. Joe said he shared a list of the equipment that is in all the parks. Giggle Park and Housatonic are up to standard on equipment. Lake Mansfield will be up to standard. Paul asked if the pickle balls have caused any damage to the floor at the Housatonic Community Center. It was noted that the balls have not caused any damage. The Housatonic League purchased chairs and a console for the score keeper. They also paid to have the floor resurfaced.

B. **Grove Street Park and Dewey Park** – need public input – Julie and Sridevi said they are looking into categories of groups who would be using the parks. They decided to focus on the playground category because Grove Street is already a playground and Dewey is a blank slate. It was thought to discuss it as a committee prior to presenting something to the public. It was noted that a budget number would be helpful. Julie has been in contact with a playground designer in Williamstown. Joe noted that there is \$100,000 in the budget for Park improvements and \$50,000 for Grove Street Park. It was decided to have a discussion on ideas at the March meeting. We can visit the parks and have an input meeting in April.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Berkshire South – not present
- B. Lake Mansfield Task Force – no presentation as Bill Meier had left.
- C. Lake Mansfield Beach Area – new equipment - We are still missing two parts. We have reordered the parts 3 times and the incorrect ones have come in.
- D. Railroad Street Youth Project – not present
- E. Scheduling of the Community Center – March meeting

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Update on Olympian Meadows repurpose
- B. Nancy Ciacchetti in regard to a Dog Park – It was noted on prior requests, that a location was an issue. This will be included on a future agenda.
- C. Approval for purchase of infield mix for Olympian Meadows

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to authorize to order a truck load of infield mix and spend up to \$3,500. We will see if a second load is necessary at a later date.

SECOND: Thomas Norton

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Julie Anidjar	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Paul Gibbons	Yes

MOTION CARRIED **5-0**

- D. Request to spend parks funds to repair structures at Olympian Meadows
Joe suggested hiring out a subcontractor to do the repairs because the DPW doesn't have the time to do extra.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to allocate \$15,000 for repairs and maintenance at Olympian Meadows.

SECOND: Thomas Norton Yes

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Julie Anidjar	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Paul Gibbons	Yes

MOTION CARRIED **5-0**

7. **CITIZEN'S SPEAK**

None

8. **COMMISSIONER SPEAK**

None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

Carolyn Wichmann


Recording Clerk