

MINUTES PARKS AND RECREATION

Regular Meeting via Zoom and in person

334 Main Street Great Barrington MA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

5:15 PM.

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

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

A: PRESENT: KAREN SMITH, PAUL GIBBONS, STEPHEN BANNON, JULIE ANIDJAR, THOMAS NORTON, WILLIAM MEIER (NOT PRESENT – SRIDEVI REDDY, ILANA SIEGAL, TERRANCE CHAMBERLAND)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of December 20, 2022

Discussion/Roll Call Vote

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to Approve.

SECOND: Julie Anidjar

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Stephen Bannon	Yes
	Paul Gibbons	Yes
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	William Meier	Yes
	Karen Smith	Yes

MOTION PASSED: **6-0**

3. PARKS USAGE REQUEST:

A. Railroad Street Youth Project to use Memorial Field Friday May, 19th through Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Monday a.m. (time to be determined). This is for the Annual Culinary Arts Dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be a tent delivered by Mahaiwe tent on Friday midday and removed Monday morning. (**Discussion/Roll Call Vote**) Tiffany Riva was present to explain the request. She noted that the annual arts dinner is on Saturday the 20th. She noted that they will check for baseball games to be sure there is no conflict. The goal is to raise money for the budget.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Thomas Norton

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Stephen Bannon	Yes
	Paul Gibbons	No
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	William Meier	Yes
	Karen Smith	Yes

MOTION PASSED **5-1**

B. Men's Basket Ball a Town Program (**Discussion/Roll Call Vote**) Karen proposed that the Town make the Men's Basket Ball program a town program so there will be no need to supply liability insurance. That way, they would sign the insurance waiver. This team is for people over 40. It opens it up for a different age group.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Thomas Norton

ROLL CALL VOTE: Stephen Bannon Yes

Paul Gibbons	Yes
Julie Anidjar	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Karen Smith	Yes

MOTION PASSED: **5-0**

William Meier had left at 5:54 p.m.

4. PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

- A. Memorial Field Update – going out to bid late spring
- B. Tighe and Bond – design of Grove Street Park and Dewey Park – The committee needs to have a public input meeting to obtain information. Sridevi needs to contact Chris Rembold, Julie, Paul and Stephen. The Budget amounts need to be obtained from Joe Aberdale.
- C. Giggle Park – The new swing set is in; all set. The next step is to regrade behind Town Hall.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. East Rock Trail on Quarry Street be included as a trail. Tom said there are trails there and a town marker. There is no parking. You could park at the Park Street Park.
- B. Update on Olympian Meadows repurpose – Bill Meier and Tom Norton
- C. Joe Tonetti/Chipper Paul – Olympian Meadows – Joe Tonetti, Chipper Paul, Ron White and Jason Grappa spoke about Little League. Joe noted that they don't have anything to submit in writing at the moment. They are willing to hire someone in the spring and fall to do a major cleanup. Weekly cleanups will be done after each game and a supervisor would overlook everything. We were going to partner with Chip and Paul Gibbons for some ideas on how to fix the divot. Karen noted that she wants a plan submitted by the February 21st meeting. There might be a bond required too. The commissioners asked for a copy of the Little League liability waiver.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Berkshire South – Mark DelSignore was present. He noted that he has been researching goose management at Lake Mansfield. He received a quote to use trained dogs and Goose Scram. After discussion, it was decided to contact West Stockbridge in regard to using a blinking light on a buoy. Joe Aberdale said he would check on the contract with Berkshire South. Staffing is still an issue.
- B. Charging for use of town spaces it is not in the best interest of the town to charge at this time.
- C. Lake Mansfield Task Force – Bill Meier was not present.
- D. Lake Mansfield Beach Area – new equipment – waiting for the right piece of equipment.
- E. Railroad Street Youth Project – looking for a group mentoring person and skate park coordinator. Molly Lovejoy was recently promoted to senior mentoring coordinator.

7. CITIZEN SPEAK

Eric Gabriel said since there is a signup sheet for pickle ball, maybe there could be one for basketball. Karen noted that the Youth Basketball takes up most of the weekdays and weekends. Park and Rec. doesn't have a budget to monitor the building.

Joe Tonetti asked when the Housatonic community work will be completed. We are hoping by the 23rd.

8. COMMISSIONER SPEAK

Tom Norton would like to support night basketball.

Joe Aberdale said he will forward pictures of the insulation work. All groups will have a storage area. Joe said they could make some chair racks. Karen said the stickers need to be removed by the Golden Knights.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 5:15 p.m.

Carolyn Wichmann



Recording Clerk