

MEETING MINUTES
PARKS COMMISSIONERS (HYBRID AND VIA ZOOM)
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING ROOM
334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
PUBLIC INPUT MEETING FOR GROVE STREET AND DEWEY PARK
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

KAREN SMITH

PAUL GIBBONS

JULIE ANIDJAR

SRIDEVI REDDY

TERRANCE CHAMBERLAND

GORDON LEEDY FROM TIGHE AND BOND WAS ALSO PRESENT.

NOT PRESENT:

ILANA SIEGAL

WILLIAM MEIER

STEPHEN BANNON

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

Mr. Leedy from Tighe and Bond noted that Dewey is located in a large residential neighborhood. The swings need to be replaced. New benches are there and a new fence has been installed along Gilmore Avenue. He said the open field can be used for a variety of events. It was noted a community garden would work. Shade needs to be provided.

3. IDEAS FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

Julie explained that an inventory of the two parks was done. A Public Input form for Playgrounds at Grove Street Park and Dewey Park was given out to people to note their preferences. These can be submitted to the Select Boards Office. It was noted that parking is a challenge and accessibility is an issue. Julie presented examples of playgrounds that she felt would be a suitable design.

4. CITIZEN SPEAK

Suggestions that were made were as follows:

A skating rink for ice skating at Grove Street Park.

The early childhood structure needs improvement also at Grove Street.

The bridge leading to the park needs to be fixed. Karen suggested the Green agers or Berkshire School could possibly clean the stuff out from the stream.

Rope structure for climbing/better swings

A new basketball hoop would be nice. Joe Aberdale said he would look into the prices of hoops. The surface needs to be redone.

Barbeque Grills would be nice.

The basketball court needs to be enclosed.

Handicapped accessibility is needed

It was noted that some of the structures at Grove Street Park need to be removed.

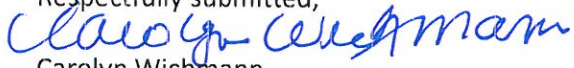
Lake Mansfield is a good model

Picnic tables are being built

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann

Recording Clerk