

PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING IN PERSON AND ZOOM
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
5:15 P.M.

The meeting was conducted out of order of the agenda:

PRESENT:

KAREN SMITH, CHAIR

PAUL GIBBONS, VICE CHAIR

THOMAS NORTON

WILLIAM MEIER VIA ZOOM – left early

ILANA SIEGAL

SRIDEVI REDDY

TERRANCE CHAMBERLAND

JULIE ANIDJAR

STEPHEN BANNON

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

2. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Grove Street Park Playground** – (Discussion/Roll Call Vote) The green section on the concept plan for Grove Street Park is the part owned by the Town. (Attached) The town does not own the bridge near the property. Julie Anidjar and Sridevi Reddy have been working with Joe Aberdale and Tighe and Bond on developing the park. It was noted that after reviewing the input from neighbors, etc. they came up with a plan. A small platform structure is being considered, a slide, a space with a counter, a climbing feature, monkey bars and two spring toys. The slide will be made out of plastic because metal gets too hot. The material they are considering is black locust. The cost of this with installation would be \$76,183.10. Installation alone if \$21,696.10.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve from the capital budget up to \$100,000 to do everything on the plan except for the pickle ball area which is a separate item.

SECOND: Ilana Siegal

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Ilana Siegal	Yes
	Sirdevi Reddy	Yes
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Stephen Bannon	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	Terrance Chamberland	Yes
	Paul Gibbons	Yes
	William Meier	Left early

MOTION PASSED **7-0**

Karen requested that Joe Aberdale contact Summer Berube at Kompan Big Toys to get things set up.

B. **Berkshire South** – Not present. We need to contact them in regard to an end of year report.

C. Railroad Street Youth – Devon said they switched over to their fall hours for staffing. The shed has been damaged. One window is cracked and one of the doors doesn't close properly. Devon will submit the skate park report in November as they close October 31. November 13, 2023 is the next meeting.

3. PARKS USAGE REQUEST:

A. Alliance for a Viable Future Lev Natan to use Giggle Park (Gazebo) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Memorial Field from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for indigenous People's Day Celebration on Monday, October 9, 2023 (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)

Lev Natan was present to explain the request. He said this is the 3rd year they have done the event. It was noted that Memorial Field could not be used because of the proposed renovation. He said that they could use the Railroad Street Youth Project Basketball court.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve based on submitting liability insurance.

SECOND: Tom Norton

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Paul Gibbons	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	Sridevi Reddy	Yes
	Terrance Chamberland	Yes
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Stephen Bannon	Yes
	Ilana Siegal	Yes

MOTION PASSED **7-0**

B. Rural Recovery (Gary Pratt) to use Town Hall Park on October 21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Smash the stigma Event (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Tom Norton

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Paul Gibbons	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	Sridevi Reddy	Yes
	Terrance Chamberland	Yes
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Stephen Bannon	Yes
	Ilana Siegal	Yes

MOTION PASSED **7-0**

C. Housatonic Youth Basketball League – to use the Housatonic Community Center from November 1, 2023 to March 15, 2024, Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)

There has been an agreement with the Basketball tournament event New Year's Weekend. Karen said she would meet with Matt Chamberland about starting later on weekends because there is Pickle Ball. The Saturdays when the Farmer's Market is there, there will no basketball. It was suggested that maintenance of the floor be discussed at the end of the year because there are so many groups that use the center now.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve

SECOND: Tom Norton

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Paul Gibbons	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	Sridevi Reddy	Yes
	Terrance Chamberland	abstained

Julie Anidjar	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes

MOTION PASSED

7-0

D. **Railroad Street Youth Project** – Marina Dominguez to use the skate park at 60 Bridge Street on from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on September 23, 2023 for a Youth Latinx Festival. (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Terry Chamberland

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Paul Gibbons	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Terrance Chamberland	Yes
Julie Anidjar	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes

MOTION PASSED

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E. **Basketball Tournament**, Cory Ziobro, Garrett Happ, Tom Jordan to use the Housatonic Community Center on December 30 and 31, 2023 (Saturday and Sunday) from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)

There will be 8 teams. There will be 3 referees plus several participants are adults. Garrett said he is getting the insurance from the Brewery. Karen noted that if the Brewery will sponsor it, then liability insurance won't be necessary.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Thomas Norton

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Paul Gibbons	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Terrance Chamberland	Yes
Julie Anidjar	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes

MOTION PASSED

7-0

F. **Berkshire Men's Basketball** – Tom Jordan – to use the Housatonic Community Center beginning November 2023 to November 2024 from 6:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) (Discussion/Roll Call Vote) Tom noted that they have worked this out with the Housatonic Basketball League. Karen advised that if they can locate a business sponsor, then you don't have to pay for the insurance.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Thomas Norton

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Paul Gibbons	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Terrance Chamberland	Yes
Julie Anidjar	Yes

Stephen Bannon Yes
MOTION PASSED 7-0

4. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

Joe Aberdale – He noted that the Memorial Field bid is due on Thursday. As part of the bid, we included a second mobilization of infield mix to go to the softball complex. This should start by October 1. It was noted once the Grove Street Park is done we should look at the basketball court/skate park area at Memorial Field. Joe said they have the agricultural vinegar and salt to treat the weeds at the little league field. We have a power rake on order. We will be maintaining it off season. Handicapped access is being created for Memorial Field, screening along Bridge Street, the warning track is being redone. There are spots that need to be filled in and leveled. A screen will be put along Bridge Street. A new backstop will be put in.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. CPC Appointments for Parks and Recreation

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to appoint Karen Smith to represent the board.

SECOND: Ilana Siegal

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Paul Gibbons	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Terrance Chamberland	Yes
Julie Anidjar	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes

MOTION PASSED 7-0

ALREADY APPROVED:

Karen noted that Parks and Recreation decided a year and a half ago that she and Mark Pruhenski would review Parks Usage Requests that are submitted off cycle and approve them. We approved the use of the Community Center for the farmer's market. The market wanted to get their contracts out to the vendors.

A. Berkshire Grown to use the Housatonic Community Center for their farmer's market on the following dates. 11/18/23, 12/16/23, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 4/20/24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: Thomas Norton to approve

SECOND: Ilana Siegal

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Paul Gibbons	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Terrance Chamberland	Yes
Julie Anidjar	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes

MOTION PASSED 7-0

B. Summer Jam was approved for August 19th. That was to do a basketball event at the skate park.

C. Lake Mansfield - Great Barrington Land Conservancy put two new benches at the beach area.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

MOTION: Terry Chamberland to approve the minutes

SECOND: Stephen Bannon

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Paul Gibbons	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	Sridevi Reddy	Yes
	Terrance Chamberland	Yes
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Stephen Bannon	Yes

MOTION PASSED **7-0**

7. **CITIZEN SPEAK:**

8. **COMMISSIONER SPEAK:**

Ilana noted she would like the next 3 meetings posted on the agenda and at the end of the minutes.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Wichmann

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Recording Clerk

THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION WILL BE:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH AT 5:15 P.M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH AT 5:15 P.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 5:15 P.M.