

MEETING MINUTES
PARKS COMMISSIONERS (HYBRID AND VIA ZOOM)
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING ROOM
334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024
5:15 PM.

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of February 5, 2024(Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Terry to approve.

SECOND: Stephen

VOTE: 9-0

2. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Parks Usage Fees/Iana, Sridevi and Karen Smith - discussion & vote to recommend fee schedule to SB. Discussion & vote needs to address if fees are applicable to parks usages to be take up later in this meeting. (Attachment)

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a.) Discussion of seasonal park users and information we would like supplied (attachment)

The subcommittee was not ready to make a presentation

4. **PARKS USAGE REQUEST:**

A. Berkshire International Film Festival to use the Town Hall Park from Wednesday, May 29th to Monday, June 3 for the annual film festival events. A tent will be erected for the duration of the dates. Lauren Ferin/Kelly Vickery. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Stephen to approve

SECOND: Terry

VOTE: 9-0

B. Great Barrington Little League to use Olympian Meadows from April 15, 2024 to October 31, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday. (Discussion/Vote)

Kristen Keefner was present. Karen advised that someone needs to come in a give an update of maintenance at every meeting.

MOTION: Stephen to approve.

SECOND: Terry

VOTE: 9-0

C. Great Barrington Girls Softball to use Olympian Meadows from April 1, 2024 to June 21, 2024 for the Spring 2024 Youth Softball season. (Discussion/Vote) It was noted that they do not use the field on Sunday.

MOTION: Stephen to approve

SECOND: Tom

VOTE: 9-0

D. Southern Berkshire Babe Ruth to use Memorial Field from 4/15/24 to 11/1/24 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 4:40 p.m. to dark and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to dark. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Stephen to approve.

SECOND: Terry

VOTE: 9-0

E. Great Barrington Adult Baseball League to use Memorial Field – It was noted they would like to use the field on Sundays. Karen asked for them to please submit a Parks Usage Request for our file.

MOTION: Stephen to approve.

SECOND: Terry

VOTE: 9-0

Yoga at Lake Mansfield – This will be done in April.

F. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center to use Memorial Field 8/1/2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the annual gala. (Discussion/vote) It was noted that this is the same night as the Fire Department's car show. This was tabled until the April meeting. It was suggested that they contact the VFW or consider using Olympian Meadows.

MOTION: Paul to table until the April meeting.

SECOND: Stephen

VOTE: 9-0

G. Lee Rogers to use the Great Barrington Gazebo/Town Hall Park mid-June to mid Sept. Weeknights 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Discussion/Vote) Lee noted that they will be doing concerts on Friday as well.

MOTION: Stephen to approve

SECOND: Terry

VOTE: 9-0

H. Southern Berkshire Youth Football to use Olympian Meadows from June 1 to November 1 – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Stephen to approve except when little league is there.

SECOND: Terry

VOTE: 9-0

I. Clemente Och Televario to use the soccer field at Olympian Meadows from 4/27/24 to 10/26/24, every Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He said he would mow the soccer field. Karen advised him to contact Joe Aberdale.

MOTION: Stephen to approve.

SECOND: Paul

VOTE: 9-0

5. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

a.) Budget Discussion (handout)

b.) Memorial Field re-start tentatively planned for 3/25/2024

c.) Olympia Meadows, dugout construction continues (2) Softball & (2) little League

d.) Lake Mansfield re-start tentatively planned for the end of the month – The cost for the lifeguards is between \$50,000 and 52,000. We need 2 lifeguards by law. During busier times we need 3. July 1 will be the earliest it will be accessible.

\$67,000 in the budget includes \$40,000 for Lake Mansfield.

e.) Preparing for the delivery of the Grove Street Park equipment – The equipment has been delivered.

The skate park July 1 through Labor Day. The chart shows the first day of school and the last day of school.

Housatonic has been eliminate from the budget.

By the next meeting the commission has to decide how to proceed so the Requests for Proposals can go out. July 4 through Labor Day is critical for Lake Mansfield. Last year we covered Lake Mansfield from 11:00 to 6:00.

We need to talk to Ananda from Railroad Street at the next meeting.

Housatonic Basket Ball – we need to collect information as to where people are coming from. Of 210 players, 130 were from Great Barrington,

6. **CITIZENS SPEAK:**

Devon Wagner said the water fountain at the skate park is broken.

Lauren from the LaCrosse team said there is a conflict with Pickn'roll. They are going to work the schedule out between themselves.

7. **COMMISSIONER SPEAK:**

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Carolyn Wichmann

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Recording Clerk

9. **PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2024**

March 18 third Monday

April 1 first Monday *****

May 13 second Monday

June 17 third Monday

July 15 third Monday

August 19 third Monday

September 16 third Monday

October 22, third Tuesday

November 19 third Tuesday

December 9 second Monday