

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

PRESENT: ILANA SIEGAL, WILLIAM MEIER, TERRANCE CHAMBERLAND, STEPHEN BANNON, JULIE ANIDJAR, TOM NORTON, SRIDEVI REDDY, PAUL GIBBONS, KAREN SMITH WAS NOT PRESENT

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of January 16, 2024 (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)

MOTION: Terry Chamberland to approve.

SECOND: Stephen Bannon

<u>VOTE:</u>	Tom	Yes
	Julie	Yes
	Bill	Yes
	Stephen	Yes
	Paul	Yes
	Sridevi	Yes
	Terry	Yes
	Ilana	Yes

MOTION PASSED **8-0**

3. **PARKS USAGE REQUEST:**

A. Berkshire County Youth Lacrosse, Lauren Hyde, to use the Housatonic Community Center on March, 19, 21, 26, 28, 4,2 and 4,4 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It would be used as a contingency space if their fields are not usable. This year they will be focusing on grades 3-8. The main practices are in Lee. It was noted that the only dates that may overlap with Housatonic basketball is April 2 and 4. She has been in contact with Matt Chamberland in regard to those dates. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Stephan Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Thomas Norton

<u>VOTE:</u>	Ilana	Yes
	Tom	Yes
	Julie	Yes
	Bill	Yes
	Stephen	Yes
	Paul	No
	Sridevi	Yes

Terry Yes

MOTION PASSED **7-0**

B. Berkshire County Lacrosse to use Olympian meadows 4/5/24 to 6/15/24, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She is looking for additional space for South County.
(Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Julie Anidjar

Tom	Yes
Julie	Yes
Bill	Yes
Stephen	Yes
Paul	Yes
Sridevi	Yes
Terry	Yes
Ilana	Yes

MOTION PASSED **8-0**

AMENDED MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve this on the contingent of other requests that may be brought before the commission. It was noted that the goals will be removed.

<u>VOTE:</u>	Paul	Yes
	Tom	Yes
	Julie	Yes
	Bill	Yes
	Stephen	Yes
	Sridevi	Yes
	Terry	Yes
	Ilana	Yes

AMENDED MOTION PASSED **8-0**

Lauren was asked to attend the meeting in March so all requests can be coordinated.

C. Pick Enroll, Inc. to use the Housatonic Community Center beginning April 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024 for Youth Basketball. The times requested are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Discussion/Vote). There is a charge for the program. There are scholarships available.

MOTION: Stephen to approve.

SECOND: Terry

VOTE: 8-0

4. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Joe Aberdale – Soccer Field – Joe noted he would report on this in March or April.

Skate Park – Joe said he would be meeting with the skaters to review what they would like. There will be a new schematic and pricing. This will be discussed in March or April.

Memorial field project will be completed by the target date.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. The subcommittee update will be in March or April on the soccer field.

B. Sridevi and Ilana will meeting in February to discuss fee schedules for parks usage.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

7. **CITIZENS SPEAK:**

8. **COMMISSIONER SPEAK:**

Bill Meier said he is on the Conservation Commission agenda for February 21 to discuss the weeds at Lake Mansfield.

Paul said we need to pull back on some of the projects that we are doing. We need to finalize projects. Little league needs to clarify maintenance on the fields.

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

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Carolyn Wichmann

Carolyn Wichmann, Recording Clerk