DRAFT MINUTES AGENDA
PARKS COMMISSIONERS (VIA ZOOM)
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022
5:15 PM.

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

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER  The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   A. Minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting  (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)  Approved 8-0

3. PARKS USAGE REQUESTS
   A. Railroad Street Youth Project to use the skate park at 60 Bridge Street for a Youth Latino Festival on September 17, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)  Approved 8-0
   B. Berkshire Pulse in partnership with the Berkshire Boxing Club to use the Housatonic Community Center for an accessible pop-up gym to teach elements of boxing training, confidence, etc. The requested dates are Mon/Friday Oct. 3 – Dec .14, from 4-6.  (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)  Approved 6-2
   C. Peter Dillion/ Snappers Swim Team to have a Good bye gathering at Lake Mansfield for the swim coach on August 18, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  (Discussion/Roll Call Vote)  Approved 8-0

4. PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE
   A. Memorial Field Update  Foresight is working on the design and then it will go out to bid. No construction this season. The budget of $500,000 is to be paid with a Community Preservation Act Bond.
   B. Tighe and Bond – design of Grove Street Park and Dewey Park – Karen noted she is concerned the survey needs more publicity.
   C. Parking on Grove Street. – Not discussed
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
   A. Olympian Meadows Bathroom Facility *(Discussion/Roll Call Vote)* approved 8-0 to continue with plans to install workable bathrooms at Olympian Meadows.
   It was noted that Olympian Meadows is in terrible shape. After discussion, it was voted 6-2 to send an e-mail to softball and little league that if the fields are not put back to the condition they were in when the season started, they will not have permissions to use them next year. That includes the equipment.
   B. Budget Update (not discussed)
   C. Raine Amory/RSYP – for installation of Keen Ramps Mini ramp at Memorial Field Skate Park.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**
   A. Berkshire South - Tabled
   B. Railroad Street Youth Project Tabled
   C. Charging for use of town spaces
   D. Lake Mansfield Task Force
   E. Michael Peretti/Tom Norton – planting trees at the Alice Bubriski Playground – Housatonic Village Commons - Tabled
   F. Police Presence at Lake Mansfield and Memorial Field
   G. Lake Mansfield Beach Area – Christine Ward Christine asked in an e-mail about removal of the metal climber and regarding and reseeding of the area between the beach and new equipment. Chris will ask if the metal climber is to code a/d/or if it should be removed.

7. **CITIZEN SPEAK**
   James Wisnowski said he did not agree with the idea of putting in 4 parking spaces at Grove St. Park.

8. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK**
   Julie said the citizens could come back and attend future meetings on the parking spaces as the design progresses.

9. **ADJOURNMENT - ROLL CALL VOTE**
   Adjourned at 6:30 p.m. – 8-0

10. **NEXT MEETING**
    Monday, September 19, 2022 @ 5:15 p.m.

Carolyn Wichmann, Recording Clerk

*Because of technical issues the meeting adjourned without some items being discussed.*