1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   A. Minutes of November 13, 2017 – Approved – 5-0

2. **PARKS USAGE REQUESTS:**
   A. None

3. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**
   A. Updates from Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent – no expenditures. Need to replace swings at Dewey School. Monkey Bars need to be removed at Grove Street. John LaRue will get back with a plan for the monkey bar set and swings. Edging needs to be addressed at Grove Street. Mulch needs to be replaced. Sean said that new footings can be put in for the basketball hoop areas at Grove Street.

Karen introduced Steven Leonard from Berkshire South. He is replacing Laura Harner as the representative for Parks.

B. Budget Update Capital budget, etc. will be discussed in January.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   A. Giggle Park – John LaRue will get back on the equipment for Giggle Park and what age group is it appropriate for. What are the needs? John will also give ideas on Dewey Park and Grove Street.

B. Olympian Meadows Ballfield Status Sean will communicate with Mr. Gibbons on the needs for Olympian Meadow fields. Should have quotes for next meeting.

C. Update on Memorial Field – the impact on Memorial Field will be less impacted when the buildings on Bridge Street are demoed by Benchmark. Demo would start on the building towards Main Street.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
   A. Relocation of South Street Park Equipment – Sean will check out the exercise equipment to see if it is possible to relocate it.

6. **CITIZENS SPEAK:**
   Nick Diller asked if there is a list of the parks and what equipment is there? He noted he would like the backstop replaced at Dewey School. Genevieve from Railroad Street Youth will be coming to the next meeting to ask about putting up poetry boxes on the hiking trails around Lake Mansfield.

7. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:**
   Karen noted that the CPA awarded 60% to the trail that is going along the Riverwalk. It is going along the backside of the Park

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**
   A. January 8, 2018 – Great Barrington Fire Station

**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:00 pm.

Karen Smith, Chair

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