PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
GREAT BARRINGTON MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
JULY 9, 2018
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:
KAREN SMITH, CHAIR
THOMAS NORTON
PATRICIA SALVI
CHRIS WILTSHIRE – NOT PRESENT
ILANA SIEGAL – ARRIVED AT 5:07 P.M.
STEPHEN BANNON
ANTHONY TROIANO– NOT PRESENT
PAUL GIBBONS
CHARLES ROUTEILLER – NOT PRESENT

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Minutes of May 14, 2018
   MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.
   SECOND: Patricia Salvi
   VOTE: 5-0

2. PARKS USAGE REQUESTS: - CONTINUED FROM THE JUNE MEETING
A. John Lacey/Babe Ruth Baseball to use Memorial Field from May 1 through July 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. (Discussion/Vote)
   MOTION: Pat Salvi to approve.
   SECOND: Steve Bannon
   VOTE: 5-0

B. Molly Lowell - Tinkergarten Program to use Lake Mansfield Park for a small parent child nature play class for ages 18 months to 5 years once a week for 1 hour. The free community playgroups begin on 6/9 and the paid sessions begin on 7/9. (Discussion/Vote)
   Molly notified the Commissioners that she decided not to do the program in Great Barrington.

C. Deb Philips, to use the Town Hall Gazebo to promote the Rural Health Network that works out of Fairview Hospital. They would like to use it on June 12, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Discussion/Vote)
   MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.
   SECOND: Patricia Salvi
   VOTE: 5-0

NEW PARKS USAGE REQUEST:
A. Sage Hervieux to use the Gazebo behind Town Hall for a wedding ceremony on Friday, August 3, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Discussion/Vote)
   MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.
   SECOND: Patricia Salvi
   VOTE: 5-0
3. PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

A. Updates from Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent - new weed barriers were installed at Lake Mansfield. The barrier in the swimming area needs to be adjusted and properly weighted down. Repairs were made to the lifeguard station. There was an issue with the umbrella. The chair needs to be repaired. Mount Everett Sanitation will be coming twice a week to clean the porta potties. Mulch was added to Giggle Park and to the Housatonic Playground. Tom Ingersoll will be trimming the GB Bushes this week and Town Hall hedges. The bike racks are all assembled and will be going in soon. Dense grade will be put in for the bike racks. The locations of the bike racks at Memorial Field need to be finalized with Railroad Street. One will be at the library, 2 at Town Hall, we have 1 at Lake Mansfield and we need one at Housatonic. Ann Marie Aigner donated a Magnolia tree for behind Town Hall. A thank you note needs to be sent to her. Tom Ingersoll was asked for a price to clean up the infield at Memorial Field. He said it would be about $1,000. It needs to be maintained on a regular basis and maybe treated with an organic weed killer. Karen noted she would like to know a long term strategy based on the Millers and Babe Ruth as to what are they going to do to maintain it.

MOTION: Paul Gibbons to expend up to $1,000 to clean the infield at Memorial Field.
SECOND: Stephen Bannon
VOTE: 6-0

Sean noted he would have the budget report at the next meeting.

Karen said the estimates and schematics for the swing set and slide were given to Ellen House at Iredale’s. Karen said she would follow-up with Ms. Iredale next week as to the plans for Giggle Park. The total not with the contingency is $31,000. This is to install, upgrade and make sure all the grades are right. The fence is causing a problem because it may have to be moved.

B. Berkshire South - Mac Wallace was present for Steven Leonard. He presented a Lake Mansfield Parks Report for 5/26 through 7/8/18. A copy is attached to these minutes. There was a request to have an AED put in the guard shed. After discussion, the following motion was made by Ilana Siegal and seconded by Paul Gibbons to put an AED at Lake Mansfield. The vote was 6-0. Stephen Bannon said he would check with Fairview and the ambulance squad about donating one. Paul asked if on the east side of Lake Mansfield Road, that we could cut the grass back into the woods a little so the cars can get off the road. Sean said it is part of wetland and he can’t cut it back. Sean said he can only do the edge. It was noted that the parking needs to be enforced and the police need to be called when people are parking where they shouldn’t. Ilana will meet with Mac Wallace about posting a diagram of how to park. Sean noted we should ask the Task Force to address the parking as part of the road remediation. Ilana noted that the Task Force is working on all these issues.

Housatonic Park: Mac noted that it was hot at Housatonic Playground and not many activities were done. There will be a meeting at Railroad Street to talk about heart collaboration. Mural work will be done and we will see if we can get some young people involved. Mac asked about the use of the Housatonic Community Center. The center is run by the Town Manager and Sonny Tamawa. Karen noted that Parks and Recreation should be running the Housatonic Community Center. Stephen Bannon said he would speak to the Town Manager about it. He said he would get back to Mac.

C. Ananda Timpane – RSYP – Ananda noted that they are operating with a full staff. Sean McTeigue is coordinating the Skate Park and staff. The end of the school year was kicked off with a block party at the end of June. In June, the peak day had 80 people. Ananda said she and Sean were looking at the park as far as basic upkeep. She noted this will be put into a spread sheet. The youth operational board for Railroad Street is purchasing a ramp for the skate park. We would like some more maneuverable equipment, some launch ramps and rails. He said if we were to add a rail and a ramp it would change everything. Sean McTeigue said he had proposed a ramp that was $300.00 including shipping but decided a custom rail would be better. Karen said Railroad Street Youth has made a commitment that they are going to try and fund the rink for ice skating. Karen requested Sean VanDeusen find out what the costs are and what is needed and phase it in. Karen told Sean McTeigue to send the events for the park to Amy Pulver and ask that it be put on the Facebook page. There will be a learn to skate program beginning July 15. Sean VanDeusen will fix the cracks in the pavement.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   A. 5 Year Capital Plan, B. Public Bathrooms, C. South Street Park Exercise Equipment and Town Parks.....not discussed.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
   A. Gaga Ball – Ilana Siegal – She noted that the cost of the courts go from $600.00 to $1,500. It was noted that the thought was to find out where it could go and then the cost. It can be used from toddlers to adults. Ilana and Sean will price out the cost of building the court.

6. **CITIZEN'S SPEAK:**
   None

7. **COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:**
   None

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**
   A. August 13, 2018

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**
   On a Motion made by Paul Gibbons, and seconded by Stephen Bannon, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

*Carolyn Wichmann*

Recording Secretary