

Parks and Recreation Commission

May 8, 2013

Present: Rita Furlong, Tina Lavasseur, Derrick Rogers, Sean Reymer, Maddy Elovirta

Absent: Ginger Conner

Rita called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Items discussed:

- Paint for the dugouts at the Center Park is in the town hall
- Select board to handle the beach ownership/permanent easement
- Rita wrote to the Supt of Schools regarding planned work on the tennis courts
- Sean has posted job descriptions/applications for the town beach and town park at Westfield and Springfield colleges, as well as at the YMCA in Pittsfield and on Craig's list. He has also gotten a email address for the Parks and Rec: parksandrec@town of Becket.org
- Pay scales for the life guard and park leader was discussed. More research will be done.
- Tina will discuss with the town administrator about the state pay scale for the above mentioned positions.
- A sign for the beach will be made stating when the life guard is on/off duty will be made. The hours for the lifeguards will be 9:30 am to 5:00 PM with a compliment of three life guards working on a rotation.
- Derrick will take care of putting the dock back into the water when weather and temperature permits. He will also look to make it safe and secure.
- All commission members were given keys to the pavilion and the equipment shed.
- The handicapped access picnic table that was purchased for the beach was stolen during the winter months. A new one will be purchased at a cost of approx. \$800. The highway dept. will be asked for help in securing the table so that it will not be stolen again.
- Rita will speak with the town treasurer regarding the budget to have a more accurate number for us to work with.
- Items to be purchased will be a basketball backboard/new pole/hoop, a volley ball net, lacrosse goals and sticks. It is desired to have more activity/use of the parks. Rules and a schedule for the park need to be addressed. It is hoped that the new park/summer program person would be interested in facilitating that.
- There was much discussion about the islands at the Rte 8 and Rte 20 intersection. It is not a pretty site and needs to be addressed. Maddy and Rita have been in contact with the PR person for the Jacob's Ladder Assoc. More work needs to be done. Derrick and Maddy will look at the site again and brainstorm on work that can be done.
- Rita will speak with contractors regarding the repair of the dugouts. A volunteer has offered use of a backhoe for the work if needed.
- Three port potties have been ordered for the beach and park.

- Members will tour the parks and islands on May 15, 2013 so that new members will know what and where all the work and responsibilities are.
- Other business: there will be a baseball game under the lights on June 1st. The first of many hopefully. Other ideas were a volley ball challenge, and a family game night. Rita discussed the plans for the 250th celebration coming in 2015.
- Members voted to approve all actions that were discussed and accepted to be acted on.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Maddy Elovirta