

## Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting of April 10, 2013

Present: Rita Furlong, Tina Lavasseur,, Sean Reymmer, Ginger Conner, Maddy Elovirta and Guest Lucas Horn

Rita called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Becket Town Hall. The minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting were read and approved. Maddy will post the minutes with the Town Clerk and Nina.

- Rita brought the issue of the ownership of the parking lot at the town beach to the table so that our guest Lucas Horn of Camp Greylock would not be held overlong. Lucas was given a plan drawing that Foresight Eng. had submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Lucas said that he would share the design and our thoughts with Michael Marcus of Camp Greylock as well.
- While Lucas was with us he offered any used beach/park equipment that the camp no longer uses to the town. Ginger will go to the camp in the near future for more mats for the tennis courts and balls for the parks.
- Life guard and park leader and assistant job descriptions were discussed. It was decided that the parks program would be open to 6-12 year old children and would be possibly offered for five days a week. There was much discussion about the hours and what should be offered. Sean agreed to place the job descriptions on-line and would ask for advice from some of his friends that work in the field. Tina and Rita will check the funding that is available between both departments. Sean will offer several options for employment ie: a forty hour week, a thirty-two hour week or a twenty hour week with two employees.
- Tennis court updates: more matting will be put up on the fence to protect the players. Tree cutting needs to be done at the tennis court site. When the court was resurfaced last year it was strongly suggested that some of the trees that are close to the court be removed because they were causing mold and moss to grow on the court surface. Rita will speak with the highway department to see if this would fit into their work schedule. Rita will notify the school about the possible cutting of the trees and some landscaping that will be done.
- Materials that need to be purchased for the summer months include balls, a new volleyball net and rope for the non-swimmer area at the beach. Rita has already purchased the beach ropes, we will wait on purchase of balls to see what is available from the owners of Camp Greylock. With the implementation of a new law for the state of Massachusetts, life jackets for non-swimming children will be purchased/acquired for the beach program.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission already owns a small pole that will be placed at the skating area of the Becket Center Park as a younger child's basketball court. Rita will purchase a small backboard and hoop/net for the pole.
- It was decided that no new materials are needed for the gardening phase of the commission. If the gardeners need supplies, they only need to speak with Rita for ordering approval. Ginger is very excited to have more time for her area of gardening this summer. She requested that she be allowed to purchase three new roses for her area as some did not make it thru the winter. Road chemicals are very harsh on some of the plants.

- Maddy will speak with Daniel Burke Electric about the pole that is tilting at the Becket Center Park. The conduit has broken and needs to be mended and the pole straightened. The park grounds are still too soft for any heavy equipment to be run on the grass.
- Repair of the two dugouts were discussed. Rita has started the process of getting bids and getting the roofs re-shingled and curving wall repaired.
- The 2014 budget, if passed by the town taxpayers at the annual town meeting will be \$18,000 for Parks and Recreation Commission.
- The next meeting will be May 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Becket Town Hall.
- A vote was taken to approve all of the above items that were discussed and plans to implement such. The vote passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.