

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016, TOWN HALL, AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: Brian Chnowski, Chairman; Joei Grudzinski, Rob Blick, Ed Butt, Renee Santiago, Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary.

Absent: Sara Kincade, Tony Tomaino.

P & R Elections – A motion was made by E. Butt to put **ELECTIONS** first on the Agenda. Seconded by R. Blick. Passed.

Elections – A motion was made by J. Grudzinski, that upon resignation of full time Commission member, Sarah Kincade from the P & R Commission, that the Commission promote Renee J. Santiago from Alternate to Full Board Member status. Seconded by Ed Butt. Passed.

Election of Officers – A motion was made by R. Blick to renew present officers – Brian Chnowski, Chairman, Joei Grudzinski, Vice Chairman. Seconded by E. Butt. Passed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – December 2, 2015 – R.Blick made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 2 . Seconded by J. Grudzinski. Passed.

Minutes of Previous Special Meeting January 6, 2016 – A motion was made by R. Blick, to approve said minutes.. Seconded by R. Santiago. Passed.

Basketball Courts – The courts will be periodically monitored weeknights between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Signs to be erected at the courts: Court 1 will change on the hour; Court 2 will change on the half hour. Half court play only daily 6:00 10:00 p.m. One half court to remain available for general public use. All users to be courteous to those waiting to play. Court 1 changes on the hour. Court 2 changes on the half hour.

Correspondence - Received from Shane Peters who submitted plans for the installation of an 18 hole Disc Golf Course in Brookfield. He explained the rationale, what Disc Golf is, who can play, how much the cost would be to play, and what kind of construction would be planned and that it be accomplished in Brookfield. He stated that the installation of a Disc Golf Course in Brookfield would benefit the surrounding community by increasing and enhancing recreational opportunities, park safety and conservation goals. It would provide an inexpensive form of recreation for people of all ages including young children and all skill levels. As there is a high density of middle and high schools in the immediate vicinity of the available parks, the installation of a Disc Golf Course would provide an important recreational resource for the schools and could be incorporated into a school's Athletic Program. A future Brookfield Disc Club could organize clinics and youth leagues. Discussion was held concerning Disc Golf. Copy of said letter by Shane Peters is on file in the Parks & Recreation office for review.

Operating Budget – Said report was reviewed and discussed by the Commission.

Current Projects

Greenway Update – D. DiPinto mentioned that we recently received a \$5,000 State Grant for the planting of 14 trees to be planted in the vicinity of the pedestrian Bridge location. The purpose of this planting is to create a buffer between the Greenway and our neighbors to the north on Dean Rd.

Old Business

Self-Sustaining Fund Balance – D. DiPinto – The beach welcome kiosk will be replaced using the balance of these funds. The 6' x 6' structure will match the color and roofing as our new buildings at the adjacent parks.

Greenway Update – D. DiPinto – The 170 ft. bridge should take 3-4 days to be placed over the Still River. Crane pads are currently being constructed and the bridge will be placed on or around April 13th. Greenway to remain closed to the general public. Estimated project completion date is August 1, 2016.

Parks Revitalization – D. DiPinto Court resurfacing schedule is to be announced. Drain in the well pit needs to be completed as well as the relocation of the boat ramp gate. The Town is negotiating with the engineer on some of these issues.

Town Beach Rental Buildings – D. DiPinto Discussion was held concerning the rental of the building. The person must present a copy of their homeowners insurance when renting the building. Dennis will have a draft for the next meeting.

Budget Update – The Director stated he is very pleased to be where we are right at this moment with the budget. Board reviewed and discussed same.

Beach and Boat pass fee's discussed –The Commission reviewed the proposed rate change for the 2016 season. The rate for seniors was discussed. A motion was made by R. Blick to accept the Director's proposal for rates at the Beach. Seconded by R. Santiago. Passed.

Time Change of P & R Meetings - Discussion was held concerning requested time change of the P & R Commission Meetings by R. Santiago. After discussion, all present agreed to **change the time to 7:00 p.m.** Notice will be sent to the Town Clerk stating same. J. Grudzinski stated that members must notify the P & R office on whether they can attend the meeting, or not able to attend. All in agreement.

Adjournment – A motion was made by E. Butt, seconded by R. Santiago, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Passed.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE P & R COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,

APRIL 27, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME.)