

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016, AT THE TOWN HALL, 7:00 P.M.

Present: Bryan Chnowski, Joei Grudzinski, Ed Butt, R. Blick - home, Rob Blick - work, Renee Santiago, Cassie Dunn. Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary, Sue Slater, BOS liaison.

Absent: Tony Tomaino, John Mangold.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Held over to next meeting. D. DiPinto will resend last month's minutes to everyone.

Public Comment – No formal public comments.

Presentations/Correspondence – None.

Recreation Supervisor's Report – Mary Knox – D. DiPinto stated Fall Program season is just underway. Halloween Run is on Sunday October 30th, anyone interested in helping out is welcomed.

Parks Supervisor's Report – Chris Rabuse – D. DiPinto stated the Fall scholastic season is beginning to wind down and work on leaf removal at all municipal properties is now underway. Whisconier School near baseball field is undergoing an infield renovation which includes irrigation and sod. All Equipment is being prepared for Winter season. Capital items, zero turn mower and landscape tractor has been purchased.

Budget Review – D. DiPinto - The Operating Budget is in good shape. Budget worksheets were passed around for review and discussion.

Cadigan Future Project – D. DiPinto – With limited funding, we are attempting to solve some storage issues at Cadigan Park. We do have some funds approved for this purpose. D. DiPinto will address over the winter months for a possible solution by Spring 2017.

Town & School Facilities - D. DiPinto, will be getting together with Mr. Tibolla (BOE Facilities) in an effort to share / coordinate the Park & Recreation and BOE 10 year Capital Plan as it relates to outdoor facilities. R. Blick stated that replacing the lights should be definitely in the 10 year Plan. D. DiPinto agreed and that the Board of Ed should provide support on future needs at the schools. C. Dunn informed the Commission that various league championships for soccer and lacrosse cannot be held at BHS because of inadequate lighting on the stadium field. She asked about the bleachers at Cadigan Park. Discussion by the Commission. R. Santiago stated some of the bleachers don't have railings and she is very concerned. D. DiPinto stated that "program related" issues (*including the need for additional bleachers*) should be brought to the commission for review. We, like most Towns have aging bleachers that are very expensive to replace. Perhaps the youth sport programs should purchase or at least assist in this effort.

Greenway Update – D. DiPinto, had a recent meeting with the contractor, inspectors and State and is more optimistic of a completion date in November 2016. The areas near the wetland crossing are currently being paved. By next week all the paving should be completed. Approaches to the main bridge (in both directions) are currently being

prepared for pavement. We expect to be "substantially complete" with the entire project in the next ten days and on to punch list items into late November.

Still River Ribbon Cutting - J. Grudzinski - The subcommittee for organizing the Ribbon Cutting met to plan the ceremony. They want the ceremony to be put off and do it right. She wants everyone's feel on this. Who should be invited, etc. The idea of cutting the Ribbon now (in November 2016) is different than what the Ribbon Cutting subcommittee had discussed. The Director suggested getting this ceremonial ribbon cutting done on Saturday November 19. R. Santiago suggested a 10:00 AM ceremony so as to not ask folks invited to give up their entire day. The commission agreed.

C. Dunn asked who should be invited. D. DiPinto will start an invitation list with the help of First Selectman Steve Dunn. After discussion, the Commission set the Ribbon Cutting date for Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 p.m. Only key professional people (contractors, designers, photographers, etc.) will be invited. The ceremony would be brief with just a few folks invited to speak. D. DiPinto set a date for the sub-committee meeting on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m., at the P & R office in the old Town Hall. He will have the preliminary invitee list be this meeting.

New Business

Halloween Run - The Director reminded the Commission that the Halloween Run will be this Sunday, October 30.

Adjournment -B. Chnowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by R. Santiago. Passed.

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DECEMBER 7, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THIS MEETING
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