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Parks & Rec Board
10/20/14
Approved

Minutes

October 20, 2014
4:33 P.M. Meeting

Members Present: James Bosworth, James Vieira, Joseph Vieira and Timothy Lancaster

Members Absent: Sherri Tetrault, Lisa Tavares

Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes of September 2, 2014. Voted 3-0-0

Waterfall

Mr. Joseph Ingoldsby has done a great job leading the project of installing several kiosks throughout the town including the Rock O'Dundee Road Waterfall. None of the kiosks are on park property, but Mr. Ingoldsby would like to see the Park Department maintain the waterfall area if a table and trash receptacle are placed there. The Park Department cut the grass there until the early 90's and has not visited that property since. The Department of Public Works maintains the fence and the waterfall but not the land. The Board has taken Mr. Ingoldsby's request under advisement. It will be researched as to who actually owns the property and brought to another meeting if necessary.

Bucket Update

Mr. Sylvia was asked to attend the meeting for an update on the past season regarding The Bucket as well as a reminder that the five percent of gross sales is due November 1st. Mr. Sylvia explained that he does not have all the numbers finalized for the season. He wants to do a week by week comparison with last year. At this point it does seem like The Bucket lost money again this season, but the figures are looking to be about twenty percent higher over last year. Mr. Sylvia added weekend activities over the summer including antique cars and various musicians which helped bring in extra business, sometimes more than a Wednesday night concert.

Mr. Sylvia explained that November 1st will not be enough time to pay the 5% of gross sales. The money to pay for the percentage and the September electric bill will be paid for out-of-pocket as well as some other outstanding bills with vendors. Mr. Sylvia informed the Board that he will have all numbers sent to the office by November 10. He was asked to attend the November 18 meeting.

The water will be shut off at the facility on October 29. The Building should be cleaned up by then with all equipment shut down.

Shark sighting sign

A shark sighting was reported over the late summer. Park Department protocol is to have the Gate Guard alert patrons as they enter the beach and inform the Lifeguards to be extra vigilant. The Harbor Master made recommendations to the Town Administrator in regards to alerting residents and it was suggested to Mr. Lancaster that signs should go out when a sighting has occurred. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to not purchase any signage at this time. Voted 3-0-0

Plans for Dog Park

Mr. Andrew Leonard is the architect working on the dog park project to be developed at Dartmouth Regional Park & Trails, DRPT. He met with the Board to present the final design of Phase I.

The dog park will connect to the existing picnic area via the use of a boardwalk made up of recycled plastic materials. The boardwalk will also connect to the bike path allowing for ADA compliance. The area needs clearing and leveling. Trees will remain undisturbed as close to the border as possible to allow for shade. A four foot high vinyl chain link fence will surround the perimeter with an air lock type entry at every opening. A well must be installed which will run fountains for the dogs as well as an irrigation system to rinse the surface and dilute urination concentrations once per day during the warm season. An 8'x12' shed will be placed on site as well as trash receptacles and dog bag stands. There are two choices of materials for the surface area, stone dust or rice stone. Both have pros and cons. The Board was leaning towards the rice stone over the stone dust. Mr. Leonard will price out both materials and go from there. The area size is 150' x 60' roughly a quarter of an acre. The Board suggested some sort of security for that area. A video camera will be added in an upcoming phase as well as an emergency call box.

Upon approval from the Parks & Recreation Board, permits will be obtained from Conservation allowing the bidding process to begin in January with slated construction in the spring. The project should be completed somewhere between six and eight weeks; hopefully by Memorial Day.

Motion made and seconded to move forward with the design as presented. The group will meet again after the first of the year when a formal committee will be formed as required by the Stanton Foundation. Voted 3-0-0

Reis Family Cemetery

Mrs. Natalie Reis attended the September meeting requesting to lower the annual maintenance fee for her family cemetery. Mrs. Reis would rather pay a large chunk now rather than an annual payment. The goal is to generate \$1,000 annually in interest by 2034 (twenty years from now).

Mr. Barnes was in attendance and produced three other possible scenarios to reach the same goal by 2034:

- \$5,000 now and \$665 for the next nineteen years
- \$10,000 now and \$255 for the next nineteen years
- \$13,075 now with no additional payments

Mr. Barnes stated that all scenarios will get to the same point of \$1000 interest every year. Mrs. Reis was not in attendance so Mr. Lancaster will contact her with the other possibilities. The Town meeting article should still go forward as written which binds Mrs. Reis to the \$10,000 annual payment and allows the town to collect the money if she defaults. An amendment can be made at the Spring Town Meeting should Mrs. Reis choose a different option than currently agreed upon. Motion made and seconded to leave the article as written on the October 21, 2014 warrant. Voted 3-0-0

Round Hill Hours

Round Hill closes during the summer season at 7:00 Sunday through Thursday and 8:00 on Fridays and Saturdays. The Lifeguards start informing patrons to pack up fifteen minutes ahead of closing. The Lifeguards only are paid until closing time and therefore should head to their cars on the hour after all patrons. Some residents give the Lifeguards a hard time and don't want to get out of the water until the hour. Motion made and seconded to post the beach hours a half hour earlier each day. Sunday through Thursday will close at 6:30 and 7:30 on Fridays and Saturdays. Lifeguards will inform patrons at the 6:30/7:30 mark that the beach is closed and to pack up their belongings. Voted 3-0-0

Dartmouth Pride Festival

Mr. Ben Garcia contacted Mr. Lancaster in regards to forming a subcommittee to research the possibility of bringing back the Dartmouth Pride Festival from year's past under the direction of Parks & Recreation. The Board is open to the idea and Mr. Garcia will be invited to the next meeting.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Under the current Cemetery Rules & Regulations, it states that single grave lots may only have a foot marker not a headstone. This poses a problem since multiple burials can occur within the single grave if they are cremains. Motion made and seconded to request an amendment through Attorney Savastano to include a single grave lot with multiple burials shall accommodate a 2' x 1' headstone. Voted 3-0-0

Motion made and seconded to waive the current rule to allow the headstone for Mr. & Mrs. George Lopes and all other similar cases until an amendment gets approved. Mr. Lopes' cremains were recently buried in a single grave lot that will also accommodate his wife. Voted 3-0-0

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Directors Report

The dumpster corral is finished at Apponagansett and looks great. The granite and chain fencing installation will start soon.

The backstop at Jones Park is almost finished and looks great. It is an awesome improvement to the park as well as the newly painted shed.

Minimum wage will increase \$1 in January of 2015, 2016 and 2017 for a total wage of \$11 in 2017. The Board would like all seasonal positions to increase the \$1 annually in order to keep the fee structure as is. Budgets showing the yearly increases will be made available to the Board.

A thank you letter from Eastern Fisheries was received in regards to their annual staff outing at Jones Park.

A Board member suggested opening the Smith Neck School to rent for functions. A staff person would have to be present for the event and the rental of the facility would be for town residents only. The Director will inquire as to the feasibility and if there are any insurance issues.

Currently the cap for Recreation expenditures is \$65,000. With the increase of program enrollment, the cap may be raised to \$70,000 before the end of the fiscal year. The increase can be requested at the Spring Town Meeting. Mr. Barnes has been notified.

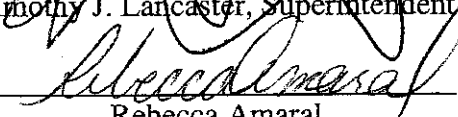
Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. Voted 3-0-0

ATTEST:



Timothy J. Lancaster, Superintendent

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