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Department of Parks & Recreation

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Minutes

March 3, 2015 5:00 P.M. Meeting Parks & Rec Board

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Approved

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Members Present:

James Bosworth, Sherri Tetrault, James Vieira, Joseph Vieira and Timothy

Lancaster

Members Absent:

Lisa Tavares

Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the February 5, 2015 Minutes. Voted 4-0-0

Bucket Bid

Motion made and seconded to decline the bucket bid received from Mr. David Sylvia in December of 2014. Voted 4-0-0

Motion made and seconded to have the Apponagansett concession stand run through the Parks & Recreation Department and will be known as "The Bucket". Voted 4-0-0

The Board would like to meet with Mr. Sylvia to discuss the equipment he owns within The Bucket to possibly purchase some of it.

Mr. Joe Vieira stated that he is up to date with his Serve Safe training so he will be able to secure the required permits through the town.

The Concession Manager salary range is \$18-28 while the Concession Supervisor range is \$12-14. Once the Manager is hired, the office staff will work with him/her to develop a schedule of shifts for The Bucket. Gate Guards may also want to work at the stand since they don't normally work very many hours at the gate.

The Concession Manager must be hired prior to the normal hiring time of the seasonal staff. Motion made and seconded to advertise the position ASAP with applications due back April 1st. Voted 4-0-0

Facility Rental

Mr. Ken Pittman is part of a Bon Jovi Tribute Band – Living on a Bad Name. He was not selected for the concert series this year so he sent an email asking to rent Apponagansett Park for a night to have his own concert. Motion made and seconded to not allow renting of the park facility. There may be an opening in August if the band currently scheduled declines. Mr. Pittman will be offered that slot at the same rate of the current band if that is the case. Voted 4-0-0

Concert Sponsors

Concert sponsorship has been dwindling over the last couple of years and is really down this year. A discussion should take place before next season to determine if the structure should change.

Summer Swim Program

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is currently working to institute Christian's Law which basically puts all the responsibility on the Recreation Department to determine whether or not a child can swim without a pfd. during the summer programs and field trips to Round Hill Beach. As of right now the law has not yet passed, but a decision needs to be made prior to the start of the programs in case the law does pass just before or during the summer months. Motion made and seconded that if the law is implemented, parents must provide the child with a coast guard approved PFD to be worn if the child will be swimming – no exceptions. Voted 4-0-0

DDAWG Update

A couple of members of DDAWG were present. Mr. Lancaster explained the bid documents for construction of Phase I are almost complete. NSTAR is waiting for the corrected plans from the architect before they can give an accurate estimate.

The Department of Public Works will be installing water lines on Old Fall River Road. The DPW will be asked to provide an estimate to tie in the water to the dog park. Having town water on site would be more beneficial than installing a well as planned.

Mr. Lancaster met with the Conservation Commission and they approved the project. The Order of Conditions was sent to the Registry of Deeds to be recorded.

The project must be advertised for two weeks in the Central Register. Contractors will be able to obtain a bid packet during that time. The Board would like to break ground by late spring if possible.

Rick Oliveira, Chairman of DDAWG would like to make a formal statement that the dog park is underway and construction will begin soon. The Board was in agreement with Mr. Oliveira's request.

The Board requested a copy of the dog park rules and regulations from DDAWG once they are finalized. DDAWG agreed and welcomes any input the Board my have.

Recreation Policies

Tabled until next meeting.

Directors Report

>Ms. Marcia Picard has sent a letter to the Board asking to transfer the ownership of her parent's three remaining plots at Evergreen Cemetery to her, as they are now both deceased. Under the Rules and Regulations this such transfer is allowed. Motion made and seconded to deed the three plots to Ms. Picard. Voted 4-0-0

>Sesac is a music copyright agency that has been in contact with Mr. Lancaster in regards to the summer concert series. According to this company, a license is needed for the musicians performing cover songs because a fee is charged per person for the events. This company only covers a portion of famous musicians, there are other companies offering different musicians. Motion made and seconded to hold on the license from Sesac. Voted 4-0-0

>The green dump truck was involved in an accident during the last snow storm. The driver did not sustain any injuries. According the Police report, the town was not at fault. The other vehicle slid on the icy road into the plow of the dump truck while it was stopped at the exit of the DYAA parking lot. The frame is bent on both the plow and the truck. Modern Auto Body will assess the damage to see if the truck is worth fixing. The plow will need to be taken to a Fisher dealer. A new dump truck is on the CIP list for 2017. Mr. Cressman thought it would be a good idea to bump up the truck to the upcoming fiscal year due to accident. The estimated cost of a new vehicle and plow is \$70,000.

>The plow on the pickup truck has been sent to Seekonk for repair. The pump is not working.

Next meeting will be April 9th at 4:00 P.M.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 6:16 P.M. Voted 4-0-0

ATTEST:

Timothy J. Lascaster, Superintendent

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