

PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MASON LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
231 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS, CHAIRMAN

CHRISTINE WARD

KAREN SMITH- ABSENT

STEVEN BANNON

CHARLES BOUTEILLER

ALSO PRESENT: JOE SOKUL, DPW SUPERINTENDENT
LAURA MARTIN, BERKSHIRE SOUTH

The meeting of the Parks Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Sokul presented a worksheet for Parks and Recreation – 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan to figure estimated costs, estimated life, etc. for FY2012 through FY2016. He noted that anything over \$7,500 is considered capital with a lesser being operational costs. Also anything over \$5,000 requires an agreement. Assets that the Parks Commissioners are controlling are subject to change depending on budgets. Mr. Sokul advised that the Berkshire South Manager Contract should be noted for each year. Mr. Sokul presented the commissioners with information on Fit-Trails which are outdoor exercise systems installed on jogging and walking trails individually or in clusters. Signs contain instructions and the exercise structures are designed for the novice or athlete. He suggested including in the budget areas where these could be developed.

Laura Martin of Berkshire South presented 2011 proposed additional expenditures for the Parks Programs. The list is as follows:

Lifeguard stand package: includes umbrella \$443-543 – Lake Mansfield – Plus shipping of \$109-\$113.

Anchor kit for Lifeguard Stand \$79.00

Rope for swimming area - \$31.25 to \$50

Buoys for rope - \$85-\$125

Rules Boards – Lake Mansfield and Housatonic – no price determined

Caution sign for during baseball games at Skate Park - \$20-\$30

Updating skate park equipment – no price determined. Mr. Gibbons noted that the Parks Commissioners would need equipment ideas by early spring so items can be purchased.

These could be purchased out of the current budget.

Permanent “no smoking” signs - \$25.00 each – Lake Mansfield

MOTION: Mr. Bannon to approve the list except for the expenditure of the rules boards.

SECOND: Mr. Bouteiller

VOTE: 4-0

Mr. Gibbons noted that he would order the lifeguard stand with FY11 funds and have it delivered to the Cemetery Department. Berkshire South was advised to return in January or February with the rules board information.

Laura was instructed to make the expenditures, pay the invoices and forward them to Mr. Gibbons for reimbursement. He advised the \$15,000 in the budget is for Capital.

FY11

- Replacement of fence at Grove Street Park – cost?
- Replace swing seats at Lake Mansfield and Castronova Park.
- Fit Trail plus landscaping at Housatonic
- Replace swing seats at Lake Mansfield
- Handicapped portalets at Lake Mansfield

FY 12

- Replacement of wood chips at Grove Street and Housatonic – approximately \$12,000
- Olympian Meadows – something at playground area – climbing equipment.
- Animal proof garbage containers and picnic tables South Street Park Improvements line item.
- Infield Mix purchases
- Memorial field Improvement – skate ramps, etc.

FY 13

- Adult outdoor exercise equipment at Senior Center and Town Hall. Need to do a site visit to see what would be needed.
- Climbing Rocks – Town Hall
- FY 13 and FY14 – Dugouts at Memorial Field

FY 14

- Extend sewer to the snack shack and add bathrooms – estimate \$20,000.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parks Commissioners will be January 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary

