

PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Paul Gibbons, Steve Bannon, Patricia Salvi, Tom Norton, Kathy Plungis

ABSENT: Karen Smith, Andy Troiano and Donovan Lally

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Steve Bannon motion to approve minutes from April 13, 2015 meeting, Pat Salvi second, unanimous vote.

2. PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

- a. Updates from Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent- Joe mentioned a new water fountain has been installed at Memorial Field. Also new swings are being installed at Housatonic Park. Tom Norton suggested removing fence and planting trees. Steve Bannon believes we should keep the fence because it keeps kids from running into the road. Joe Sokul was asked about the condition of Lake Road. Joe stated Mass DOT had made funding available and patching had begun from boat ramp to beach. Patching pot holes on Lake Mansfield Road is also a top priority.
- b. Berkshire South Regional Community Center-Laura Harner stated they had hired a Skate Park Coordinator. She is requesting that the concrete picnic tables be repaired. Also the top of the table top jumps need to be repaired with skate light. Interviewing process has begun for lifeguards and one has been hired for this weekend. Porta Potties have been ordered for Lake Mansfield. Laura asked the Park Commissioners about banners. First of all, any signs must go through the Building Inspector and a permit needs to be issued. Secondly, the Parks Commission doesn't have a problem with the banners as long as the verbiage states that the Parks Commission is the funder and Berkshire South is the supplier. Paul is confused about umbrellas - who will be paying for them. Kathy stated that a private organization will help pay for some of the umbrellas for Lake Mansfield. Kathy made a motion to approve and order umbrellas- \$77.00 a piece, Binoculars \$ 19.00 a piece, fins -\$22.00 per set, masks- \$22.86 per mask, Steve Bannon second, unanimous vote.

3. PARKS USAGE REQUEST:

- a. Great Barrington Millers to use Memorial Field Sundays beginning May 1, 2015 through September 1, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for games. Practice will be Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to dusk beginning April 1, 2015 to October 1, 2015. Tom Ingersoll mentioned that the Berkshire Adult Amateur hardball team was established in 2011. He also stated that everyone spends time to keep the field in shape and that

volunteers generally come out once a year to do a major cleanup. Joe Sokul will use roller to level the field. Tom noted that the schedule for games is on line. The long term goal is to install fences and a back stop. Paul suggested Tom Ingersoll attend a meeting during the fall and discuss working at Memorial field for accessibility, expanding field, seating and renovating. The last time the field had and improvements was 1966. Motion by Patrick Hollenbeck to approve usage of Memorial Field, Kathy Plungis second, unanimous vote.

- b. Babe Ruth Baseball to use Memorial Field beginning May 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015 – Practice and games Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Kathy motion to approve for Babe Ruth Baseball to use Memorial Field, Tom Norton second, John was asked to have the Parks Commission on the liability form and give Carolyn a copy. Unanimous vote.
- c. Railroad Street Youth Project to use Memorial Field on Sunday, June 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a barbeque, etc. They were already approved for the 31st of May. This is a Rain date request. Steve Bannon motion for the Railroad Street Youth Project to use Memorial Field, Patricia Salvi second, unanimous vote. Ed Abrahams stated if there is a private party with entertainment, the Town Manager should be called.
- d. Shakespeare and Company, 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA to use the Town Hall green for a fund raiser buffet dinner for Shakespeare and company on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. for set-up with the event to be from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Set up for the tent is to be determined. Amy Rudnick and Patrick Buckley met before the board. Requesting the use of town green for a house performance dinner. Amy Rudnick is the event planner and food will be catered. Fund raiser for Shakespeare and Company serves the entire county and this fundraiser supports the schools. The event will benefit the Mahaiwe Theatre and the local restaurants. Steve Bannon motion to approve Shakespeare and Company, Kathy Plungis second, unanimous vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Alice B. Bubriski Park – Tom Norton, update: Discussed kids slide and parents are complaining that little kids cannot use slide. Andy wants to know if a small slide could be purchased for little kids. The plan is to acquire proposals from John Larue and other interested parties. Tom Norton mentioned that the Parks Commission needs a recommendation from the Tree Committee.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. John Larue will be asked to attend the Parks Meeting on June 8, 2015, with a proposal to complete work at Alice B. Bubriski Park. The proposal will include the cost of trees, where do we purchase trees and placement of new toys. Joe Sokul will take care of cement benches and will bring prices to the next meeting. Tom stated that John Larue will provide a design which will include an area for new toys and where new trees could be planted. Joe Sokul has a map of Alice B. Bubriski Park and will bring it in on June 8th. Paul will also invite Dennis to the meeting on June 8th.

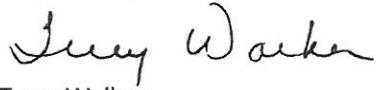
6. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- a. June 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Citizen's Speak Time will be added to next Agenda

7. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Steve Bannon motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., second Kathy Plungis, unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Walker".

Terry Walker

Secretary