

**PARKS COMMISSIONERS**  
**MASON LIBRARY**  
**231 MAIN STREET**  
**GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230**  
**MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**PAUL GIBBONS**

**CHARLES BOUTEILLER - ABSENT**

**THOMAS NORTON - ABSENT**

**STEVE BANNON**

**PATRICIA SALVI**

**KATHY PLUNGIS**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 meeting.

**SECOND:** Pat Salvi

**VOTE:** 6-0

2. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

Joe advised that the enclosure for the porta-lets at Lake Mansfield was completed by American Fence. Stone was put in and the area was cleaned up. Work will be done at the access area for the truck to enter easier. Someone ripped the slat out of the lifeguard chair and a slat out of the garbage can enclosure. They will be fixed. Christine Ward will take care of the graffiti that was tagged on some of the trees. The contract is ready to go for Wilkinson's for the force main at Olympian Meadows and the contract for the pit is ready to go. Joe said he received a quote of \$1,375.00 from P&P installations to install the swing set at Lake Mansfield. Joe said the state contract came through at the end of June and Big Toys is on the list. The contract for the playground equipment at Housatonic School has been issued. The basketball hoop is in at the Housatonic Playground. It was requested to put the hoop at 8' instead of 10. It was decided to put it at 8' and if it gets abused, it will be raised to 10'. Joe said the cemetery dept. has been fabricating waste basket enclosures for Olympian Meadows. Three water fountains have been ordered for Memorial Field, Grove Street and Housatonic. The Housatonic Community center is available if it is too hot or rainy. Joe said he has been working with LB to get the skate bowl repaired. They will cut a 3' circle and pave around the bowl.

Angela Pevzner told Joe that she discovered broken glass around the building at the skate park. The cemetery people will get her the equipment needed for clean ups. Joe said we will be getting reimbursed for the damage the vandals did last year. The picnic tables were thrown into the lake and retrieved by the DPW crew. Paul said an unknown male was at the lake taking pictures of the kids. The staff called the police but he was gone when they arrived.

3. **BERKSHIRE SOUTH**

Laura Martin was not present. Paul said he would contact Berkshire South about having someone present at the meetings.

**PARKS USAGE REQUEST – NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Lake Mansfield Alliance – partnering with Senta Reis to provide summer yoga at the beach area Wednesdays and Friday beginning July 10<sup>th</sup> through August 2, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Senta noted that a donation of \$10.00 is suggested to cover the cost of the instructor with a portion of the proceeds going to Lake Mansfield Alliance.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve contingent on an insurance certificate being submitted for liability noting the Town of Great Barrington as certificate holder.

**SECOND:** Pat Salvi

**VOTE:** 4-0

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Emily Shaw – re: Housatonic Playground Equipment – She noted that plans are coming back with specific measurements from the architect. It was noted that the Achiever should come in about 6 weeks – mid August. A meeting is scheduled with John Laroue to finalize the wish list; i.e., Toddler swings and Toddler Domes. She noted she wants to organize a community meeting at the Ramsdell Library. She noted she would like to organize a fund raiser for items on the list for later on. Emily also noted they have been discussing a name for the park.

There was a general discussion if the Town should expend the money to have the company install the equipment or go with volunteers. Joe advised it is \$8,625 to have P& P Installations install it. The DPW would remove the current structure. She would like to gather volunteers to install the equipment. It was noted that approximately 25 to 40 people would be needed to install the equipment. Paul stressed that the volunteers have to be committed to it because it is either going to be delivered to the installer or just to the park. Someone will have to supervise the installation. It was noted that a shade tree could be put in.

John MacGruer asked about the progress on replacing the tree at Grove Street Park. It was noted that the Tree Committee was going to discuss it. Joe said he would contact Dennis Gibbons. John asked to be involved in the dialogue. It was noted the handle on the spring horse was repaired.

The next meeting of the Parks Commissioners will be August 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Paul said he will not be at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann  
Secretary