

PARKS COMMISSIONERS  
MASON LIBRARY  
231 MAIN STREET  
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015  
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS

CHARLES BOUTEILLER

THOMAS NORTON – Not Present

STEPHEN BANNON

PATRICIA SALVI

KATHY PLUNGIS

KAREN SMITH

ANTHONY TROIANO

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of March 9, 2015

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve.

SECOND: Pat Salvi

VOTE: 7-0-1

2. PARKS CARE/MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMING:

A. Updates from Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent – Joe noted that the DPW is focusing on cleaning up the parks and doing the initial work at Memorial Field warning track and infields. The skate bowl edge will be fixed in May.

B. Berkshire South Regional Community Center – Laura Harner was present from Berkshire South. She noted that the Skate Park will be opening on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Interviews are in the process to hire for the parks coverage. Laura advised that the Great Barrington Summer Program Management and Staffing contract has been signed and sent back for FY 16, 17 and 18. Laura noted she would forward the information on the price of new lifeguard umbrellas for Lake Mansfield. Laura researched the Mass law that mandates A.E.D. equipment and parks are not required to have A.E.D. equipment. She advised the law is for health clubs and schools. Christine Ward noted that there has been vandalism to the lifeguard chair at the lake. Joe advised he would take care of that. After discussion it was noted that it would be a good idea to have an A.E. D. at Lake Mansfield.

MOTION: Karen Smith that we start with one A.E.D. at Lake Mansfield.

SECOND Stephen Bannon

AMENDED MOTION: Karen would like the Park and Recreation Commission to look into the cost of the A.E.D. and check with the rest of the Town of Great Barrington, the Select Board, etc. to see what the policy and procedure is of having A.E.D.'s at parks or public buildings.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 8-0

Joe said he would check with the Fire Chief as well.

3. **PARKS USAGE REQUEST:**

A. Berkshire South Regional Community Center to hold the annual fishing derby at Lake Mansfield on Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Stephen Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Karen Smith

**VOTE:** 8-0

B. Great Barrington Little League to use Olympian Meadows- April 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015 (4/1 -5/31 M-F -4 to 9 p.m., Sat/Sun 7:00 a.m. to 9:p.m.) (6/1 – 7/31 every day from 7:00 a.m.to 9:00 p.m.)

**MOTION:** Stephen Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Karen Smith

**VOTE:** 8-0

C. Great Barrington Millers – This was not acted on as no one was present.

D. Babe Ruth Baseball to use Memorial Field – This was not acted on as no one was present.

E. Great Barrington Girls Softball to use two fields at Olympian Meadows beginning April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Preston Tinker noted that the first two weeks they will use the field 5 days a week. He also requested that at the end of the baseball season if a porta potty be left there till November.

**MOTION:** Pat Salvi to approve.

**SECOND:** Stephen Bannon

**VOTE:** 8-0

F. Paul Gibbons to use Memorial Field for Monument Mountain Regional High School Baseball team if needed.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Kathy Plungis

**VOTE:** 8-0

G. Southern Berkshire Youth Football to use Olympian Meadows from August to November 2015 in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Stephen Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Karen Smith

**VOTE:** 8-0

H. Fairview Hospital to use the Town Hall green and gazebo for the annual fund raiser on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 pm. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will be for setup. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is for the event and 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. is for clean-up. The tent will be set up Friday, September 25, 2015 and broken down on Monday, September 28, 2015.

**MOTION:** Karen Smith to approve.

**SECOND:** Pat Salvi

**VOTE:** 7-0-1

I. Railroad Street Youth Project, 60 Bridge Street to use the basketball court behind RSYP on May 15, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a dance to help raise money for Patsy Cowen to go to Europe. Luiza from Railroad Street explained that she is going to Europe to study art for school.

**MOTION:** Stephen Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Karen Smith

**VOTE:** 7-1

Railroad Street Youth Project, 60 Bridge Street for a pig roast, battle of the bands, D.J. set, lawn games, skate jam, etc. a Memorial Field on Sunday, May 31, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Karen Smith to approve.

**SECOND:** Stephen Bannon

**VOTE:** 8-0

J Lake Mansfield Alliance – partnering with Senta Reis providing yoga Monday, Wednesday and Friday from July 1, through July 31, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the beach area to community members and visitors. Christine Ward noted that there will be two teachers this year allowing the extension of days. She advised she would supply the insurance prior to the programming. She advised a \$10.00 donation is suggested to cover the cost of the instructor with a portion of the proceeds going to the Lake Mansfield Alliance.

**MOTION:** Stephen Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Pat Salvi

**VOTE:** 8-0

K. Lake Mansfield Alliance (A project of Great Barrington Land Conservancy) for the annual Celebration and Cleanup Day on Sunday May 17, 2015 beginning at 9:30 a.m. for setup and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for events.

**MOTION:** Karen Smith to approve.

**SECOND:** Stephen Bannon

**VOTE:** 8-0

#### 4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Kathy Plungis asked if everyone had looked at the various sign designs that Joe Sokul sent out. After discussion a decision was made to have Joe obtain a quote on the double sign on a metal post.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Stanley Park Project – Paul read a letter from Susan Jennings about putting a sculpture in at Stanley Park. Susan stated she would ask the artist to lend a sculpture for a reasonable fee to cover moving it and her time to install it for \$1,200.00. Paul advised this is the same person who came before us about doing the grass sculpture. Jennifer Tabakin asked him to put this on a Parks agenda. Paul noted that he asked Susan to attend a future meeting.

MOTION: Karen that the Park and Recreation Commission not approve.

SECOND Stephen Bannon

Karen said she had a problem with spending \$1,200 to put art work in the park and then having the DPW deal with mowing around it.

VOTE: 8-0

Karen rescinded the motion:

MOTION: Karen that the Park and Recreation Commission approve \$1,200 to put the sculpture at Stanley Park.

SECOND Stephen Bannon

VOTE: 0-8 – Motion Failed

Paul said he would e-mail Susan Jennings.

Kathy Plungis reviewed the 2014 Report of the Lake Mansfield improvement Task Force and supplied each of the board members with a copy. (A copy is attached to these minutes). She noted there will be a fund raiser for the Lake Mansfield Alliance at Crissey Farm Friday evening with food and a video about the on goings at Lake Mansfield. Kathy advised Simon's Rock is continuing with the water quality monitoring as part of the grant that was funded. It was noted there is a request for \$40,000 to hire a consultant team to provide detailed cost estimates for the design, construction, and permitting for improvements for the Lake Mansfield Recreation area. Joe Sokul noted that he wants to get it on the 5 year capital plan. A report will go to the Town Manager with options.

Joe noted that the police are completing their report on the cutting of trees on Park Street. He noted he was out with the highway superintendent and reported it to the Police. They will have the estimated cost of damages and he should receive the final report soon.

The next meeting will be May 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann  
Secretary