

PARKS COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010

5:30 P.M.

MASON LIBRARY

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS, CHAIRMAN

CHRISTINE WARD

KAREN SMITH

STEVE BANNON – NOT PRESENT

CHARLES BOUTEILLER – NOT PRESENT

ALSO PRESENT: JOE SOKUL, DPW SUPERINTENDENT

JENISE LUCEY – BERKSHIRE SOUTH

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes were not voted.

2. **PARK CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. **Updates from Joe Sokul**

Mr. Sokul advised that staff has now been assigned for one day during the weekend to collect trash at Lake Mansfield and at the River walk. The trash will be collected a minimum of 3 times a week or if necessary, 4 times a week. Mr. Sokul also advised that the DPW will regularly check on the portalets at the lake to be sure they are satisfactory. The regular schedule at the lake has been to clean them Friday and Monday. Mr. Sokul noted he would look into an extra trash receptacle at Lake Mansfield to encourage people to deposit diapers there rather than the portalets.

Mr. Sokul advised that Mr. Avery and his crew will be assisting in moving the storage shed from Monument Mountain to Memorial Field. He advised he has been working with Steve at the high school and he will go down to mark the location where the shed will be set. The Parks Commissioners inquired about the permanent bathrooms at Olympian Meadows and if they are being maintained. Mr. Sokul advised he was unaware that it was part of the DPW's responsibility and he would look into it.

3. **PARKS USAGE REQUEST:**

A. The Garden, William Whittaker, 148 North Street, Pittsfield, MA to hold the 7th Annual Colm Higgins and Keenan Milton Flat Ground Skate Contest NCAA Bracket Style at Memorial Field on Saturday, August 21, 2010 from noon to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Brian Heck was present to explain the request. He advised that there will be no food; just water will be available. He also advised that helmets will be mandatory. Ms. Smith said that she would advise contacting the EMT's and having them on site.

MOTION: Ms. Smith to approve the Parks Usage Request with the suggestion that an EMT be present during the event.

SECOND: Ms. Ward

VOTE: 3-0

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4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Lucey from Berkshire South Regional Community Center advised that between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. there is a group of kids between 16 and 18 that hang out at the Housatonic School. She said remnants of alcohol and vandalism were discovered on one day. The police have been notified to patrol but have only showed up twice. Ms. Smith said to chart on a daily report when the police show up and what they do. The Town Manager needs to be notified that alcohol has been found.

It was noted that the south security lights at Memorial Field have burned out and need to be replaced.

Ms. Lucey advised that Jenna Brownson, Water Front Coordinator, observed a large group from Simons Rock came to Lake Mansfield, (CTY was their identification). Ms. Smith said a letter needs to be sent to Simons Rock advising that Lifeguard support needs to be present when a large group comes to the lake. She advised that she would contact Simon's Rock and find out what CTY stands for.

It was noted that the weed fabric at Lake Mansfield has lifted. The staff will attempt to put it back down.

Ms. Lucey said there has been a shift in staff at Berkshire South. Joan Peters is no longer working there. Jenna is currently running the youth program along with Jessica Goodchild, the head lifeguard.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. from the Mason Library. The Commissioners next went to Grove Street Park for a site visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary