

Town of Lee Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes for 12/6/2016

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.
- Larry Kindberg, Joseph Hannon, Annette Brown and James Lonano were in attendance.
- The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- There is approximately \$7,846.62 left in the FY'17 Budget for programs through 6/30/2017.
- This money will be used to fund the Fishing Derby, Easter Egg Hunt and the Family Movie Night.
- The treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business

- Landscaping at Little River Park ("LRP")
 - Bill Humm, Catherine Fisher and Dick Weyrick of the Conservation Commission were present to provide some input to the Recreation Commission on the initial phase of the landscaping project.
 - It was reiterated that a Warrant Article has been requested to move \$7,000 into the trust fund account to finance the first phase of the landscaping project. There may be additional funds left in the FY'17 budget to contribute toward the project.
 - Mr. Humm and his colleagues provided a list of possible trees that are well suited to the environmental conditions at LRP (dry, sandy soil). They also recommended that Pin Cherry trees be planted around the "focus" tree in a triangle or diamond pattern, which will improve the soil conditions for the "focus" tree.
 - It was discussed that red oak trees might be the best option because they are sturdy and will last for hundreds of years.
 - The landscaping project will be discussed again at the February 2017 meeting. The Recreation Commission will again invite members of the Conservation Commission to provide input. We will also invite Mark from Pawtuckaway Nursery to attend and provide some cost estimates.
 - In the interim, Larry will look into whether we need to secure additional bids for the landscaping project and whether we can transplant trees from the Town Forest to LRP.
- Movie Night
 - Annette secured an estimate from the vendor for rental of equipment and film for the Family Movie Night. The cost will be approximately \$800 to \$1000 to put on this event.
 - Tentative plan is to host the Family Movie Night on Saturday June 24, 2017 and invite families to come early for a cookout using the grills installed at LRP.

- There is some question about what time the event should start. Annette will follow up with the vendor to see if they have any recommendations for start time that accounts for sunset.
- Other questions to resolve will be cross-promotion with the Fire Association, other pre-movie activities such as face painting, when to schedule the rain date, and hiring a contractor to spray the fields for bugs/mosquitoes the morning of the event.
- Tennis Court Refurbishment
 - Larry previously secured two (2) bids for the refurbishment project. These were presented to the Select Board, who raised the questions of how many people use the tennis courts and would the tennis courts get more usage if they were regulation size.
 - As additional time is needed to research these questions and consider other options, such as possibly putting in tennis courts at LRP, it was decided to table the project until the following year (Summer/Fall 2018).
 - The Recreation Commission would still recommend that \$10,000 be placed into the trust fund account for future use on this project.

New Business

- Larry informed the members that the Town is sponsoring a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which will be held at Flag Hill Winery on Thursday December 15, 2016 from 6PM to 9PM. Members can attend and bring one (1) guest.

Conclusion

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30PM to be held at the Public Safety Complex.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.