

MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES for NOVEMBER 4 , 2013

Present were: Mary Beth Robillard, Dennis Robillard, Andrea Berlin, Tina Morrison, Anthony Massarelli, John Bird, Tom Dupuis, John T, Jay Chase, and Pat Holland,

Meeting began at 6pm in the OOB high school cafeteria

Meeting began w/us introducing ourselves to Tom and then reading and approval of October 7th minutes with John Bird making a motion to accept with a second by Andrea.

Tom then gave his thoughts regarding establishing an ice rink on the tennis courts by building a frame using half of it with a tarp inside. Other places were thought of like the police station and the gazebo but it was thought w/the fencing, the tennis courts would be a better choice. Andrea wondered about using the basketball courts. Mary Beth suggested doing both tennis courts and another time basketball courts might be considered.

Tom: Might be best to use only the tennis courts due to anything possibly going wrong.

Tom asked about setting of hours. 7am to 7pm during the week and 7 - 9 on the week end.

John B: need a sign stating skate at your own risk.

There was also general discussion re: the cleaning of snow, etc. off it.

Tom mentioned the cost would be about \$1000. The fire department would provide the water.

Tina suggested granting the Public Works Dept. use of the whole tennis court if there able to do so. She suggested hours of 9 - 9 Sunday thru' Thursday and 9 - 10 Friday and Saturday.

Mary Beth will get a special permit from Town Hall.

John B made a motion to accept establishing an ice rink in the tennis courts using the full court with the hours suggested by Tina. Anthony seconded and it was voted on and approved by the whole committee.

Next discussed were various updates re: the park.

John T. suggested taking down the smaller flags for the winter season, leaving only the US flag because of winter storms causing damage to the flags.

Mary Beth said weeds were removed from various places in the park by her, Andrea and Dennis.

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I brought up the issues of the pesticide sign I saw by the parking lot. This was the ONLY one. There should have 9 all together, one at each entrance to the park to inform people about the use of pesticide that day especially for those who bring children to the playground as well as dogs to the dog park. During the summer, signs were placed in all of the various entrances.

Mary Beth said she would check on that with the company.

Dog park signs with the new name of K9 Veterans Memorial Dog Park. Tina said she needs a picture that is horizontal, not vertical according the website she was to order from. The one we had did not make a good image when enlarged. She stated also with the holidays, etc. coming up and company she was expecting, it would probably be best to wait til January to discuss what to do re: the signs at that time.

Mary Beth read an email from Val at Public Works re: having a place for grilling in the park. It was stated in the email that the town does not want to have it. Val had talked with the Town Clerk, Kim McLaughlin.

Mary Beth next mentioned that we need to think about rules re: what people can and cannot do in the park because of the many things now available in the park as well as more and more residents and tourists using and enjoying it.

John T. said we really need to focus on our Master Plan and not get side-tracked.

It was suggested we email everyone our thoughts re: what should be put on the signs.

Next we discussed who would be able to man our table on Election Day at the high school. Dennis said he would set up the area and be there til I arrived at 1pm. I said I could be there til 4 and Anthony said he could be there from 4-6p. Andrea said she'd be there from 6 to when the polls closed with Mary Beth coming to help with removal of the various park pictures, signs, etc. New items discussed :

Anthony: who will do the wreath for placement by the monument on Dec.7th at the flag raising for Pearl Harbor day ?

Jay said he'll do the wreath.

Anthony asked who does the lights on Mike Tousignant's tree?

Mary Beth said it was Public Works.

There was general discussion re: lights on other trees in the park. Andrea mentioned how nice it looked with lights on the tree by the rest rooms last year.

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John T. made a motion that the committee approve lighting of other trees for this holiday season. Dennis seconded and it was approved by all.

Before adjourning, we all welcomed Tom Dupuis to the committee after he mentioned he wanted to become a member.

The meeting adjourned @8 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for DECEMBER 9, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Holland.