

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

January 10, 2011 7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Blake (Chairman), Pat Inderwish, Bob Monk

Members Absent: Tim Duplin, Richard Shaw

Guests: Karen Barber, John Westerling

Minutes to Approve

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: Approve minutes for July 26, 2010
- Motion Seconded: Bob Monk
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

Treasure's Report/Bills to Approve

The field account has a balance of \$12,106.69, the recreation account \$4,110.77 and the Pride Park account \$6,028.73. The balances do not reflect a deposit of \$565.00 into the recreation account and two invoices being processed for payment. A \$500 check for the high school parking fee has been received at the DPW office and is in interoffice mail. There are high school spring (tennis) and fall fees which remain outstanding. The board discussed who should be paying the fees and if the child does not make the team, should they have to pay. Pat suggested that the Athletic Director be asked to provide rosters. Steve will discuss the matter of the outstanding fees with the Town Administrator for advice on how to proceed. Pat stated that it is the permit holder responsibility to collect the fees.

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
 - Motion Description: Approve reimbursement Karen Barber (\$14.97) & Jen Breen (\$80).
 - Motion Seconded: Bob Monk
 - Motion Discussion:
 - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved
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- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
 - Motion Description: Approve O'Brien & Son's invoice for payment (\$656.00).
 - Motion Seconded: Bob Monk
 - Motion Discussion:
 - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

Parks & Recreation Coordinator

Karen Barber reported on the recreation programs which she and Jen Breen have organized. Karen has registration fees totaling \$875.00 to be deposited. The fees are from the gingerbread house event that was held in December and upcoming classes (gardening, learn to skate, zumba and firearms safety). Jen has been in contact with the Banner and an article about the recreation programs will be run in the near future. The Town Administrator has requested an evaluation be completed after each program. Karen stated that there were great reviews and feedback for the gingerbread house event.

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

John is submitting the costs to purchase a new lawn mower as a capital expense item in his proposed FY2012. If the funding is approved at the town meeting, John Deere will deliver prior to July 1st. John has also included costs for a turf program (and grub control) in the DPW's proposed FY2012 budget.

The board discussed the need for a new flagpole at Goodale Park. The old pole was removed and disposed of during the court renovation project. The project architect has suggested purchasing a vinyl pole, which cost approximately \$1750. There is an aluminum pole and base at Mixter, which the board has discussed utilizing at Goodale. John Westerling suggested that if there are funds available, a new pole should be purchased and if there are not funds available, then the board should consider using the pole from Mixter. Pat stated that a flagpole is needed before the start of the baseball season. Two locations are being considered for the pole, the area of the Goodale Park sign and at the corner of the retaining wall (where it heads toward the AP Field). The board also discussed the need to light the pole. Pat will gather information on a new pole for review at the next meeting.

The skating rink was used, while it had been roped off to prohibit use. The liner was damaged and has been patched with tyvek tape. John stated the Town Administrator is to the point where he does not want to see the town expend any more efforts for the rink to be abused. Steve stated that the rink was flooded with about an inch of water today and does not want to give up on it yet. Steve will discuss the matter with Leon. Steve would like to see more of an effort into enforcement. Pat suggested that Steve contact the Police Chief.

The Sr. Baseball Field is in dire need of repair, but is used spring, summer and fall. This leaves no down time for the field for repairs to occur.

Gazebo Use

The Town Administrator sent a memo to the board regarding the use and scheduling of events at the town gazebo. The policy from Nov 1996 states that scheduling will be done by the Town Administrator. The board reviewed the policy and voted to hand over control of the common and gazebo to the Town Administrator.

- Motion Originator: Bob Monk
- Motion Description: Hand over control of town common & gazebo to Town Administrator.
- Motion Seconded: Pat Inderwish - amended to include all scheduling
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

Goodale Park Courts Project

Pat provided the board with the proposed rules and regulations for the courts at Goodale Park. Use of the courts would be for town residents only and would require a permit. Pat has asked the board members to review the information for discussion at the next meeting.

Parks Facilities Committee Update

Pat stated that the architect for the courts project will submit a proposal for the pine grove and that he is willing to do the survey and design for under \$10,000. The pine grove was heavily damaged in the 2008 ice storm and has since been cleared of the remaining trees. This space provides an area for development of greatly needed additional field space. Also, Pat informed the board that if the pool can be deemed historical, that more funds would be available. The courts



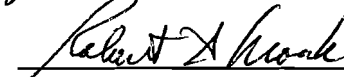
can not be used until they are turned over to the town, by the contractor. The high school may need to have away matches or Woodland will have to be utilized.


High School Parking Agreement

The High School has sent a \$500 check to the board, receipts for the 2010 student parking programs. Pat stated that a new agreement still needs to be arranged and is pending.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2011 7:00 PM

- Motion Originator: Bob Monk
- Motion Description: To adjourn / 8:52 PM
- Motion Seconded: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved



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