

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

November 28, 2011 7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Blake (Chairman), Pat Inderwish, Richard Shaw(left @7:55)

Members Absent: None

Guests: Silvio Baruzzi, Jen Breen, Matt Nasuti

Minutes to Approve

- Motion Originator: Richard Shaw
- Motion Description: Approve minutes for July 25, 2011.
- Motion Seconded: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: Approve minutes for October 24, 2011.
- Motion Seconded: Richard Shaw
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

Treasure's Report/Bills to Approve/Outstanding Fees

Two deposits, totaling \$145, were made into the field account and three deposits, totaling \$1440, were made into the recreation account.

Parks & Recreation Programs

Jen Breen reported to the board that the gingerbread house event is being held this Saturday and another zumba class begins this Wednesday. There are no other events/programs being held until after the December school vacation.

Richard Shaw has been working with the Town Administrator on the Recreation Coordinator position and stated that the position has been advertised.

Goodale Courts (Lighting and Closure)

Matt Nasuti attended the meeting to discuss the issue of the lights at the Goodale Park courts shining into his house. Matt stated that the new lights were at first an issue and then they were adjusted, which alleviated the matter. A walk-thru was then done by the project engineer and the lights were put back in the original positions, due to safety issues. Pat stated that there are two lights that are affecting Matt's house and that glare shields can be installed on the lighting fixtures. Matt and Silvio both feel that there are more than two lights shining on the house. Steve noted that the lights are currently off for the winter and that it could be researched as to which fixtures do shine on the house and need to be shielded. Pat wants to talk with the electrical designer as to the net effect the shields will have on the lighting design. A scissor lift would be required for the installation of the shields and would be a cost in addition to the purchase the shields. Warranty work needs to be done on a pole which is not working, which also requires a scissor lift. Silvio will contact the contractor to see if the shields can be installed at the same time. Silvio stated that sole procurement could apply to the matter, with the warranty

taken into consideration. Silvio will obtain pricing on the shields and the installation (to be done at the same time as the ballast repair). Steve, Silvio and Matt will meet on Thursday to test the lights and determine which ones need to be shielded.

The board discussed the seasonal closing of the basketball courts at Goodale Park. The board voted at their last meeting to close the courts October 31st, which is the date stated in the rules and regulations. A public hearing would be required, if there were to be a change to the date in the rules and regulations. The courts are currently closed, but are unlocked and are still being used. Pat feels that they should be closed Oct 31st, while Steve and Rick both would like to see the courts open until the end of November. Pat noted that the nets and poles need to be taken down at the Goodale tennis courts.

Bills were sent out on Oct 4th to parents of students with outstanding fees for high school sports. Pat suggested checking with the Town Administrator to get legal advice, before any letters are sent out that state students with unpaid fees will not be allowed to play on the fields.

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: To approve payment of United Site Services invoices (\$255.00)
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved (Steve & Pat)

Steve noted that the previous invoices United Site Services, which were labeled High School, were for the unit from Mixer.

Silvio stated that the DPW has been busy with the cleanup from the Oct 29th snow storm and that the repair to the road (behind the Goodale basketball courts) has not yet been done. Silvio is still working on obtaining quotes for the purchase of the flagpole at Goodale Park and weed control services.

The skating rink may be installed on the Little League fields. Steve stated that the Church St side of the common is not level enough and that the main common is not an option (for several reasons). Woodland is also not an option, due to the drainage issues there. Pat expressed concern about damage being done to the Little League fields. Steve and Silvio will take a look at the Sr. Baseball field tomorrow, to determine if it would be suitable for the rink.

Parks Facility Committee

Pat stated that the project is not closed out 100% and he is working on getting the final payments done. The plan is to set-up a meeting, where the town residents will come in and give input on what they would like to see for Parks facilities.

Bills to Approve

The board received an email from the Town Administrator regarding the payment of the board members' stipend that was approved at the Oct 24th meeting. Leon informed the board that the members of other town boards were no longer receiving the annual \$100 payment and advised that the board do the same.

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: To reconsider previous vote on the stipend of \$100 and that it be reduced to \$0.00.
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved (Steve & Pat)

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: To approve payment (reimbursement) to Jen Breen for \$93.49.
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved (Steve & Pat)

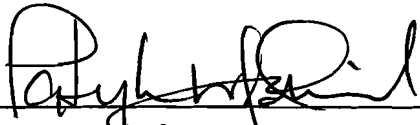
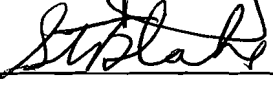
General Business

The board discussed the DPW parks maintenance position which was cut two years ago, due to budget constraints. The facilities require more time to maintain then that of one full-time person.

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: To return the eliminated full-time Parks position and ask that the DPW Director work with the Town Administrator to reinstate the cut position.
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved (Steve & Pat)

Next Meeting: January 9, 2012 / 7:00 PM

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: To adjourn / 8:30 PM
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved (Steve & Pat).

DATE: 61-09-12