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Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of Monday, September 16, 2019 Town Hall, Room 5 at 7pm

Attendance:

Committee Members: Ron Kern (RK), Rita Mullin (RM) Pat Filmore (PF), Billie Luker (BL), Sergio Coviello

(SC)

Staff: Maureen Stevens (MS), Marty Tilton (MT), Lynne Clemens (LC), Maria Brown (MB)

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Absent: Rick Arington (RA), Sheila Sturdevant (SS)

Call to order: 7:02pm; Quorum, called by RK

Audience of Citizens: None.

Acceptance of Minutes:

(PF) made a motion to accept Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2019.

(SC) Second the Motion

Approved: 5 Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion: PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Security Camera's</u> – IT is looking to set up fiber optic down Central Street, hoping to pick up hotspot signal for park so that we can put up camera/video. MT looking into security cameras.

Town Day – they approach P&R on August 6th to see if they could have the event on May 31st. She also asked if they could bring in old cars and touch a truck. MS suggested June 14th. Having it earlier in the season would interfere with Adult soccer leagues, rentals and youth soccer. All of which is a loss of income.

<u>Transient Vendors</u> – Granddaddy Dogs asked if they could come into park to sell. Rec. Committee voted on April 25, 2013 that no Transient Vendors are allowed. It is allowed on state property, not on local. Committee agreed that we hold firm with the vote on 4/25/13.

<u>Signage for Parks</u> - CIT/BOH requested signage, "No Smoking", "No Vaping". If necessary they will pay for the expense of the signs. MT mentioned that it is state law there is no smoking in any park, why do we need more signs. RM – wants mandate from BOH/Police.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Turf Banner Sponsorship: MT – new location of banners looks great. The netting is working well.

<u>Vietnam Wall Memorial</u> – MT, MS, Mike Marciano and Brian Ault spent a lot of time at the site. They did a great job. Rich G was touched with his pinning by MT. They were very impressed with NR. MS complemented Susan Magner and all her hard work.

<u>New Paving</u> – exceeded expectations. People that frequent the park compliment the work. MT mentioned that he was very happy with it, timing was good. MS – Rec Center was budgeted \$19,900 – actual was \$25,945; walkways \$37,500 budgeted – actual was \$31,0449.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MT/Parks:

MT – Parks has been very busy with all the events (Town Day, Vietnam Wall, NNO, Permits, BBQ's) they've been involved with. The seasonal help and DPW (Mike/Brian) have been doing great work.

They did work at the Little School. NR Youth Softball was very happy with the work done by Parks. MT would like to paint hockey rink.

BOH has informed Dept. that EEE risk is low. If anyone calls with questions we should forward to BOH. Collins legal case – deposed – could not talk about it. MT is done with his deposition. MS needs to go on September 26th.

Park Street property/former dog park – need to discuss what to do with it.

LC/Recreation: It was a very busy Summer. We are wrapping things up. Registration for KC went from 56 in 2018 to 70 in 2019. For Summerscape we maxed out a few days at 125. In 2018 we had 268 memberships in 2019 we had 300. I had to bring in Concession help to assist with numbers at SS. Staff was fantastic this year. I didn't see eye to eye with SS Director. I may need to hire more counselors for both KC and SS next year. Fall has begun, two new instructors have been hired. Fall Brochure will be out in Transcript on Thursday.

I am having some issues with youth basketball, trying to work things out.

MS/Operations Director Update:

Town Meeting: Monday, October 7th. The Community Center is on the warrant, but they plan on passing it over.

RM mentioned that LUC is looking to pay for another plan. The Grant from State is slated for IRP location.

Contracts that are over \$10,000 need to be signed/approved by TA. TA would like us not to purchase anything unless he approves it.

MS discussed budget FY2019. Do not need Retained Request for Capital - \$57,400 can take it out of \$82,609 (surplus). MS – numbers look good will be able to Budget Capital in our surplus.

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LUC (RM): we have 91 golfers at this point. We may hit 110. We made a new addition with GolfGuide coupon books. They will be sold at one of the holes. LUC receives \$4/each book sold. They also give us a \$500 golf weekend to raffle off.

<u>CIT (RM):</u> No update, they've cancelled last two meetings.

FONRPRC (MS):

Character Breakfast is scheduled for January 26, 2020.

BBQ – had to reschedule two and cancel one. Cash register and money counter worked out well, good investment.

SHED - The shed set up is great. A big Shout out to RM! Budget was \$25,000, actual amount spent was \$22,471.50.

Next Recreation Committee Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019.

- Adjournment:
 - (PF) made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm.
 - (SC) seconds the motion.

Approved: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Motion: PASSED

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