



Karen Partanen
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"Create Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Natick Recreation and Parks Commission
Minutes of July 9, 2019

Present: Jason Brandt, Mike Fair, Seth Levine, Kelly McPherson, David Ordway, Jessica Ordway, Barbara Sanchez, Wayne Szretter. Also Karen Partanen, Recreation and Parks Director, Linda Pinault, Recording Secretary

Absent: Peg Waters

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Minutes for June 3, 2019 Meeting

Motion to accept the Minutes with corrections of June 3, 2019 (attached) by Mr. Brandt, Seconded by Ms. Sanchez

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Resolved: Motion carried.

Citizens Concerns -

- None

Directors Report

- *East/Navy Update*
 - Paving top surface coat. Compaction test needed for playground must be 98% to pour topcoat. Electricity is 1 - 2 weeks out. Procurement has no change order for lights (see Report from Chair). Front entrance of East will be ripped out and concrete poured (on or around July 15).
 - There is no work being done at this time. Need to do concrete work before getting back to site.
- *Playground Repairs*
 - All playgrounds have been inspected. Ms. Partanen has a meeting on July 15, 2019 with Anna Nolin, School Superintendent, Peter Gray, Business Manager of Natick School Department, Bill Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator and Jeremy Marssette, Director of DPW. Some playgrounds needed to be repaired. The manufacturer was called to address the need and Ms. Partanen was told that certification was not needed to make the needed repairs, as they are "user friendly"
- *Cole Center A/C*
 - Air Conditioning has still not been installed and Ms. Partanen has been unable to get any information on when the work will be done.
- *Access to Hunnewell Fields*
 - Easement at Hunnewell Field lease is about to expire. LFNR clears the access of brush, etc. A new access may be needed. Mr. Levine will speak with Paul Griesmer, FinCom Chair, about the Hunnewell access.

Report from Chair

- Mr. Brandt is going to get in touch with Brian LeBlanc of Procurement to get a copy of the work order from Eversource.

Members Concerns

- *Possible Kayak Lock Up Locations*
 - It was noted that Tim Murphy of DCR remembers a dock at Mary Bunker Park. A permit would be needed from DEP at \$100 for 5 years to utilize dock area.
 - Look into MBP Plans - get general information from the past.
 - Place kayak racks near the ten platforms.
 - Master Plan calls for new boat ramp to be installed for Kayaks and Canoes.
 - Ms. Partanen informed the Commission that Mary Bunker Park building now has a new stove and refrigerator for those that choose to use those utilities.
 - Ms. Sanchez gave an update on Cochituate Rail Trail - the Board of Selectmen have a 20/30 plan - 10 Committees for open spaces and trails are looking to consolidate interested parties in Open Space and Trails the new committee would be under the auspices of the Conservation Commission. They had a discussion on who would be maintaining the Rail Trail. There will be a meeting in late July, which Ms. Sanchez will attend.
 - Mr. Szretter mentioned that Frank Robinson, Arrowhead founder, Mike Rourke, Former Recreation and Parks Director and Assistant Town Administrator and Mike Fair, Recreation and Parks Commissioner will meet with people who developed NEETEGA. They would like to know what the NEETEGA money has been used for in the past. Thoughts on arcade games/videos and lawn games were discussed. There is a CD at Middlesex Savings Bank that matures July 16, 2019 (@ 2.2%) at the end of June.
Mr. Brandt motioned to rollover the CD for next year. Mr. Levine seconded.
Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Resolved: Motion carried.

Common Requests

- None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm by Mr. Levine. Seconded by Mr. Szretter

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Resolved: Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 5 at 6:30 pm in room 219 of the Community Senior Center.