

2013-06-10 Recreation Minutes

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

June 10, 2013

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, Steve Danna, Scott Allen, Kim Conroy, Dave Guimont and Lauren Rossi ,Steve Phillips

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director; Chris Boyle, Secretary

Absent: Mae Lyons, Austin Tanner, Lou Oleksy

Public attended : M Oatley, Don Francis , Diane Wimmer

Called to Order:

7:00pm

1. Approval of minutes – Regular meeting May 13,2013

1st Kim Conroy 2nd Dave Guimont All in favor

2. Approval of monthly budget reports

1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Steve Phillips All in favor
Returning 15,000 to the Town

3. Disc Golf Bids

Motion made to accept the lowest bid (Innova)

1st Dave Guimont 2nd Scott Allen All in Favor

4. Riverside Park Update

2 weeks away from completion , volleyball equipment will be ordered after July 1st and installed. The project is just waiting for the signage. The new resident trooper will be checking all the parks two or three times an evening.

There will be a sign put on the Davis property closing the property during the timber harvest it will be put up for safety reasons.

5 .Prince Hill Softball Field

Discussion on extending the fencing at the softball field.

It was determined that extending the fence or a netting system is not in the budget at this time. If there continues to be problems with stray balls, the issue will be revisited.

6.Recreation Offices

Updates on the Recreation office's location discussed.

The newest information involves moving the Recreation offices to the upper floor in the town hall. The selectmen have accepted the Probate court to fill the current offices on South Street, with some renovations (of which Brooklyn share is 1/6th the price) . The selectmen have rented the Community center to Carealot.(which requires renovations)

Don Francis feels poor decisions are being made by our local government. He feels that financially poor decisions were made and are being made. There was no formal discussion of operating costs, productivity of employees, lack of privacy, impact of parking, storage, long term leases, handicap accessibility, etc.; in the decision moving the Recreation Office. Don Francis came to the commission to discuss his decision to start a petition to call for a town meeting. The residents of the town need be informed of the managements decisions of renting town buildings/space.

The Commission's BOF member, Kim Conroy, asked the Commission to allow her to look into the financial aspect before petitioning. She says the budget doesn't allow for the cost of renovations and any renovations that would be necessary would have to go to a town meeting for cost approval.

Mr. Francis will follow through after the information is received from Kim Conroy.

7.Other Business

Discussion on a Outdoor Basketball league, volleyball league and tournaments. The town, through the recent budget vote, approved more hours for the administrative assistant for the Recreation dept. It will be determined July 1st if the First selectman will allow the change in status from part time to full time, which the residents of the town voted to support financially. When more hours are available to set up these programs, they will be set up.

As of now there is not enough time to handle all the work. It was suggested that a time study be done to send to the selectman listing addition duties and amount of time needed per duty. Although the additional duties were already presented last year the First Selectman rejected the need.

Scott Allen commented he feels the First Selectman will not increase the hours of the Administrative Assistant because of purely personal reasons and is not considering the benefits to the town or the commissions support of the increase of 6 hrs per week.

Discussion on Fall Golf in being included in the Fall brochure.

8. Public Time

Diane Wimmer reported that Conservation has done some planting at Riverside and wondered if the water hook up would be available to use. It will not, it is just the lines that are being run. The Conservation side of Riverside Park is not complete, the town garage is supposed to assist with the Trails but they need to rent equipment. There is a time limit on the grant and it needs to be completed. Mrs. Wimmer will contact Mr. Tanner. Mr. Tanner is in charge of that portion of the grant, he had decided at previous meetings the town garage could do the work for less money. Unfortunately the work has not been done and grant money may be lost.

9. Adjournment 909 pm

Motion made: 1st Dave Guimont 2nd Scott Allen All in Favor

