

2013-10-28 Recreation Minutes

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Special Meeting

October 28, 2013

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, , Lauren Rossi, Steve Danna ,Steve Phillips, Dave Guimont and Austin Tanner

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

Absent: Kim Conroy, Lou Oleksy, Scott Allen and Mae Lyons

Public attended : 5

Called to Order:

7:00pm

1. Approval of minutes – Regular meeting September 9, 2013

1st Steve Danna 2nd Steve Phillips All in favor

2. Approval of monthly budget reports

1st Steve Danna 2nd Lauren Rossi All in favor

3. Brooklyn Little League Presentation (Riverside Park Upgrades)

Brian King presented a plan for Riverside Park that will be funded by the Little League to upgrade the field to a Tournament Field.

1. Fenced in Concrete dugouts 60ft long (both sides)

2. Stadium bleachers for 60 people

3. 1 shed behind the backstop/ announcement booth.

4. Batting cage

5. A concession stand will be built(may not be until Fall)

The cost of these items is approx 77,000. The League has 60,000.

The League has applied for a grant for 150,000 for lighting Saveway fields and Riverside Park fields. The money left over from the grant will be used to fund the balance needed for upgrades.

Little league will be responsible for all the maintenance of the upgrades, EXCEPT for mowing, seeding and weed whacking.

The Town would own all the equipment and Mr. King is willing to come to every meeting even sit on the commission to keep all lines of communication open between the commission and the league. He hopes the upgrades are complete for a dedication Memorial Day weekend.

The next step will be to take the plan to Planning and Zoning.

Motion made: to accept the proposal made by Brooklyn Little

League: 1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Steve Phillips All in Favor

4. Spooky Nights Review

Mike Gaudreau commented that it was a Great and successful two nights and he is proud to be part of the town of Brooklyn and the Recreation Commission.

Mike commended Steve Phillips and his crew for their hard work and dedication and building the new addition the upside down house.

Steve Phillips commented the he thinks Spooky Nights can be a staple in Brooklyn and can be bigger and better. He hopes that the Commission continues to use the services of the volunteers and town garage personnel. The Towns people need to come together. Steve Phillips said he would be stepping away from the event because the communication did not go as he hoped. Mike Gaudreau asked him to reassess in a few weeks because it would be a loss for the committee not to have Steve participate.

The final budget numbers for the event will be in by next month.

The committee will need to look at vendor fees and discuss this issue for next year.

Steve Phillips lost a lot of tools and would like some accountability for these tools. He would like an inventory done of the tools used by the maintenance dept. of Parks and Rec. if the maintenance dept lost tools they should be made to pay for them in Steve Phillips opinion.

5 . Public time

Diane Wimmer would like to use Prince Hill for a grant received for Star Gazing, could the lights be turned off for that event? Yes, she just needs to fill out a facility of use form.

Mrs. Wimmer (Conservation Commission) asked about the signs to be posted at Riverside Park.

The Conservation Commission will have two signs made with rules of the Park and trails. The Conservation Commission will meet on Monday at 7:30 the Commission will send a rep.

The next Commission meeting will be a special meeting November 18th.

6. Adjournment 8:16 pm

Motion made: 1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Dave Guimont All in Favor