

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2016

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, Cliff Soucy,
Lauren Centracchio, Kim Conroy, Steve Danna, Scott Allen, Chris Toney, and David Wilterdink

Absent: Mae Lyons

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director

Public: none

Called to Order:

7:01pm

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2016

Correction on number #4 Voted instead of Vetoed.

Motion made: with correction 1st Steve Danna 2nd Cliff Soucy
All in Favor

2. Approval of Monthly budget reports:

No reports

3. 2016/2017 Budget Update

The Parks and Recreation budget was cut 40,000.

The cuts were made to the Teen Center, the hours will be Monday through Friday, 2:30-5:30, no Saturdays. The cost will continue to be 100.00, with scholarships available. The program director was cut to part-time. There will be only one staff member which also will be part-time. The numbers of teens will have to be limited due to less staff. There will be limited or no trip as 2000.00 was taken out of the transportation line item.

There will be no supplies as the supply line item was cut. Two days after the budget vote the doors to the community center were spray painted and a window was broken. The Community center maintenance budget was also decreased, making any repairs limited.

There was discussion on how to potentially raise money through donations, fundraising events like a disc golf tournament, a booth at the Brooklyn fair, a golf tournament, etc. It was suggested a list of ideas be put together for the September meeting. The Commission feels strongly they want to keep the Teen Center open and growing to service the youth in our town.

There will be no concerts at the Gazebo due to budget cuts.

4. Riverside Park Update

The signs are done and will be up this week.

5. Park Rules and Signage

Discussion: on adding "No horses allowed in the park, parking area or park fields", see if it is cost effective to add this to the bottom of the existing sign or have a new sign made.

Discussion: on adding a sign that the Parks are smoke free. Bucky will touch base with the First Selectman to see if this requires a town ordinance or town vote. This discussion will be tabled until a later date.

Discussion: of signage for the files with Ethics rules for Parents, Players and Coaches. Bucky will contact Little League and The Soccer league to discuss the signage, cost, and enforcement of the rules.

6. Other

Summer camp reached enrollment goals of 145 campers.

The fall brochure has been sent to the Printer.

7. Public Time:

There will not be a meeting in August.

1. Adjournment 7:58

Motion made: 1st Scott Allen 2nd Chris Toney
All in favor

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle

