

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

March 14 ,2016

Commission members present : Mike Gaudreau, Steve Danna , Chris Toney, Cliff Soucy,

Scott Allen, David Wilterdink, Kim Conroy

Absent: Lauren Centracchio

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director

Public: Danielson Elks and Richard Labonte,Jr

Called to Order:

7:02pm

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – January 11,2016

**Motion made:** 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Danna 2<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Soucy  
All in Favor

2. Approval of Monthly budget reports: Discussion

A Surprise bill arrived from the Resident Troopers for their services during Spooky Nights, totaling 3000.00. This is the first year it has happened and it is in discussion.

**Motion made:** 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Danna 2<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Soucy All in Favor

3. Danielson Elks-Diane Wimmer

The Danielson Elks presented a Grant to the Recreation Department to be contributed to the Summer Camp Reading program. This is the second year the Elks gave this donation of 700.00

to the camp via the Jim Boyle Scholarship fund. The Jim Boyle scholarship which is funded by generous town businesses and people who believe that the camp experience should be available to every child in our town, "We don't leave anyone behind. We have never denied a child who wants to go to camp." All donations are welcome.

The commission is grateful for the Elks contribution to the town and children. A Big thank you to Diane Wimmer for writing the grant!!!!

**Motion made:** to move Item number #5 to Item #4.

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Wilterdink 2<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Soucy All in Favor

#### 4. Other Business

Richard LaBonte Jr. proposed a Service project to the Commission, to earn his Eagle Scout award. The project would involve refurbishing the Donald Francis Foot Bridge. The commission would pay for the materials and Richard would be responsible for refurbishing the bridge as well as clearing the brush and overgrowth around it. It will need approval by the town. Once the project is completed it will be inspected by the building inspector. The Commission believes this project is a win for the town and a wonderful community project.

**Motion made:** To accept The Eagle Scout service project, by Richard Labonte , Jr, to refurbish the Donald Francis Foot Bridge.

1<sup>st</sup> Kim Conroy 2<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Soucy All In Favor

Bid proposals came in for Transportation for the summer camp and Teen Center,  
Discussion

**Motion made:** To grant First Student the contract for Transportation

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Danna 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Allen All in Favor

The Tennis Courts are been repaired. There was a lot of damaged chewed wires, underground wiring issues. The lights are on and the nets should be up by the end of the week so the courts will be ready for play.

Altas fence will have the volleyball nets her in the next several weeks.

All the facilities will be core aerated and over seeded to get ready for spring sports.

The school baseball field will be ready in several weeks. The clay has been ordered the bases; pitcher's mound and loam are coming.

There may be some money left from the 30, 000 capital funding.

A couple of events are coming up: The Bunny Breakfast March 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30, and Family fun day May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Commission would be happy to have volunteers. The teen center will be volunteering at both events.

#### 5. 2016/2107 Budget Discussion and Approval

Kim Conroy relayed discussion at the BOF meeting that the Teen Center should be free for all teens to increase participation. At this time there are 24 full time teens and 20 part-time teens.

Discussion

It was decided to keep the fee's in the budget at this time.

The proposed budget that will be presented March 30<sup>th</sup> to the BOF will be as follows:

Total Budget---452,501.00

Recreation--- 345,795 (the biggest increase is in payroll, which is controlled by Union increases)

Park and Maintenance- 106,706.00 (including a decrease in gasoline and diesel fuel line items)

Revenue proposed to be 166,140.00

Discussion

**Motion made:** To accept the proposed budget .

1<sup>st</sup> Kim Conroy 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Allen All in Favor

6. Public Time

none

7. Adjournment 8:50

**Motion made:** 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Toney 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Allen All in favor

**Respectfully submitted:** Chris Boyle

