


Easton Parks & Recreation
October 6, 2014
Minutes


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Attendees: Kathi Smith, John Broadbin, Kirsten Ceva, AJ Martinich, Phil Tamallanca, Dave Gombos, Tom Cable, Gary Simone, Lisa Farasciano and Danielle Alves

Guests: See attached

Meeting called to order @ 7:35pm

Minutes

No minutes from September meeting.

Tabled Junes Minutes for November Meeting

Financial Reports

Operating Budget – Tom Cable – made a motion to accept the Operating Budget.
John Broadbin – seconded. All in favor.

Capital/Activity Account – John Broadbin inquires about the Activity Account. Danielle Alves discusses the discrepancies in the account balances between our department and the comptroller. John Broadbin would like to know how we can accept the account amount with the discrepancies. John Broadbin asks Danielle Alves to print the Material and Supplies and Misc. Programs accounts for next meeting so he can see the detailed report.

Phil Tamallanca - made a motion to table the Activity Accounts.
John Broadbin - seconded.
All in favor.

Old Business

Ext Day – Danielle Alves submitted a summary of Ext Day. Everything is going well, we have very high numbers for the beginning of the school year. General discussion is held.

Dog Park – Kathi Smith starts off the discussion regarding the dog park. Resident asks about the ordinance that states the fence must be 200 feet back from the pond. Ordinance does state that we have to be 200 feet from the bridge. Discussion is held regarding the location and footage. Randall Farms was brought up for location of the Dog Park. If the town does not own that location there are insurance issues. Many town residents express their opinions about the dog park both for and opposed. A discussion is held. Resident asks if the park is accepted, what the timeframe and cost would be. Elise Broach from the Board of Finance states that she did speak with the towns insurance rep and that there is a survey of all recreation facilities in Easton once a year and the premium will be adjusted if necessary, however there should be no adjustment in the premium. Kathi Smith states that we have listened to all the residents and we will discuss it amongst the commission. Resident asks for a correction in the Courier regarding the incorrect footage amount, it is not 125 feet it is 200 feet away from the water.

Tom Cable makes a motion to discuss the possibility of the dog park at Aspetuck Park.
Phil Tamallanca – seconded
All in favor

Commission member discuss their ideas of building the dog park at Aspetuck Park. John Broadbin would like to see the layout of the dog park at Aspetuck Park before he votes on the dog park. Dave Gombos states that if we met the approval of all the commissions in the town that we need to, he is in approval of the dog park at Aspetuck Park. John Broadbin would like to know that the Health Dept. has given the ok. Kirsten Ceva states that she would like to see a layout of the project as well. She would like to see documentation of all town departments that we have compliance of everything. Tom Cable feels there is still work to be done before we make a vote or go forward. Land use is the first thing we need to look at for the dog park.

New Business

ERU – Matthew Maraffi, Darsi Baer, Mike Bensh, Chris Gomlak, Paul Winstanley all from the ERU Board were in attendance. ERU wants to discuss field usage in Easton. They are not able to get enough field space that they need. They feel that they are a town based program and they should be able to have the first choice to use the Morehouse fields after school. They would like the premier time slots, right after school, Staples or Morehouse. They want to know what they need to do or get Parks & Rec for them to be assigned fields in advance. They would like a block of time assigned to them, just as AYSO has. Phil Tamallanca states the ERU should come to Gary Simone and discuss with him field requests and work out what ERU needs on a yearly basis. Gary Simone stated that he needed the schedule from ERU earlier than it was received. Recommendation is suggested to have ERU submit in writing to Gary Simone what they are looking for. Discussion is held.

20 Redding Road – Per a letter from Adam Dunsby to Kathi Smith (attached), the property at 20 Redding Road will be going up for sale. He asks the commission to review if we should purchase the property. John Broadbin leads a discussion on the property. John Broadbin states that the property has a better bridge than we do along with an access road to the top of the property. John Broadbin believes the commission should say that we are interested in that property to go along with the Master Plan. The attorney for the property states it will sell very quickly once it goes on the market and that he needs a number from the Town of Easton by Friday, October 10th, 2014. John Broadbin is in favor for our commission to make the Board of Finance aware that we are interested in the land. The rest of the commission agrees with the decision to look into purchasing the property. John Broadbin states that if asked what we want the property for, more dry land and to give access to our rear land.

Field Use – Brief discussion held regarding account. Phil Tamallanca inquires what teams have outstanding balances for field rentals, Gary Simone discusses. Kirsten Ceva asks if we can get the Easton team's field schedule put online so Easton residents can attend and watch Easton Teams play. John Broadbin and Kirsten Ceva ask that Fred Tencic attend our next meeting, and to get a copy of the field schedule for next month's meeting.

John Broadbin – makes a motion to accept the field use account

Phil Tamallanca – seconded

All accept

Facility Maintenance – No discussion

Public Comment – Richard Ewing speaks about 20 Redding Road.

Accidents – There was one accident.

AJ Martinich made a motion to adjourn.

Dave Gombos seconded.

All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 10:14PM.

Tapes of this meeting are available at the Parks & Recreation office.

Respectfully Submitted – Lisa Farasciano

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. Farasciano".



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September 23, 2014

TO: Kathi Smith – Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Adam Dunsby – First Selectman

As you may know, the property just south of Aspetuck Park, 20 Redding Road, will be going on the market soon. Several residents have suggested the Town look at this property to evaluate the possibility of purchasing it.

The Board of Selectmen discussed this matter at their meeting of September 4, 2014. While the Board viewed the purchase as unlikely, the Selectmen would like comments from both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Land Preservation and Acquisition Authority.

AD/ajf