



Easton Park & Recreation
February 13, 2017
Special Commission Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Phil Tamallanca, Kirsten Ceva, Ray Longo, Tom Cable, Robert Klem, Gary Simone, Danielle Alves, Lisa Farasciano

Absentee(s): AJ Martinich, Dave Gombos

Guest(s):

Meeting called to order @ 6:32pm

Minutes

The January 2017 minutes were distributed and reviewed.

Kirsten Ceva - Accept

Ray Longo - Second

All in favor of accepting the minutes

Financial Reports

Operating Budget – Report distributed and Gary Simone discusses briefly. Discusses that we are where we should be at this time of year. Brief discussion held.

Activity/Capital Account – Danielle Alves discusses the account. She is waiting for a reconciliation.

Field Usage Account –

Robert Klem - made a motion to accept the Operating Budget, Activity/Capital Accounts and Field Use Account for February 2017.

Ray Longo - Second

All in favor

Recreation & Extended Day - Programs – Danielle Alves discusses. Danielle Alves also discusses Ext Day. Danielle Alves informs the commission that the ECC has a bus from SSES to the ECC after school.

Unfinished Business

2017/2018 Budget – Gary Simone and Phil Tamallanca discuss their meeting with Adam Dunsby. Gary Simone discusses his concerns along with the departments need for a trailer. Discussion held about the Field Use account. Phil Tamallanca informs the commission about the meeting they had with the BOS regarding a building up at Morehouse. He also talks about the work that has been done at lower Vets (cleaning up, taking down fencing, in the spring discarding of the white van, etc.), and the future plans (containers, guard rails, more parking, etc.).

Morehouse Bathroom – Phil Tamallanca talks about where we are with this project. Per Adam Dunsby, the town does not have money to fund this project. The user groups want to fund a larger project. Going into the budget presentation, Phil wants to know where the commission stands with this structure/project. What would the user groups financially commit to? Robert Klem discusses a phone meeting he had with some user groups. They stated they could fundraise \$150,000.00 in a year. Phil Tamallanca is asking what they want for that money. Per Robert, a field house, another 50/70 baseball field, concession stand, storage, etc. He states the user groups would donate financially, but the field house would be used for all user groups. Discussion is held about what would be a better option, start with a bathroom structure or fundraise for more money and wait. Gary Simone speaks regarding talking with town residents about

what they want in town. They seem very interested in pools/water play. Gary feels that we should get the bathroom installed at Morehouse and a possible splash pad, then work on the rest when the money is available. Commission comments are made. Comment that the users groups would not want just a bathroom, they want to hold off for the larger structure. They feel the town should be contributing towards that project. Phil Tamallanca asks the commission to think of what approach we are going to take with the BOF, he states what he feels Park & Rec should commit financially.

New Business -

Aspetuck Park – Gary Simone and Danielle Alves have met with a neighbor who is looking to assist in bringing life back to the park. Danielle's thoughts were of a natural playground over the bridge, additional water slide, and GaGa Pit. Phil Tamallanca states that we should be keeping Aspetuck Park up and running. Tom Cable asks what we can do to help the surface of the Dog Park. Gary Simone states that we are trying to determine how improve it.

Commissioners Comments – Phil Tamallanca asks the commission to please include all members when there are private meetings.

Public –

Accidents –

Phil Tamallanca - made a motion to adjourn.

Robert Klem - seconded.

All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM.

Submitted by– Lisa Farasciano

