

Easton Parks & Recreation
January 5, 2015
Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Guests: Fred Tencic, Chris Griffin Chairman of BOF, Richard & Anne Ewing

Meeting called to order @ 7:30pm

Gary Simone discusses the reason he asked Chris Griffin to join our meeting. He discusses our operating budget, field use account and activity account. He discusses that all three of our trucks are in terrible shape, tennis court lights are not working, etc. Chris Griffin discusses the budget, upcoming budget and the process. Gary Simone states that we have been self-funding our capital needs. John Broadbin states that our maintenance workers have been servicing our trucks/equipment. Chris Griffin suggests that the commission be present for the budget meetings with the BOF. He suggests that we put in the budget request for March, what we need and why. Also, that the department/commission should make the BOF aware of projects that we are working on. Discuss the programs that make money and programs that may not make money but are well received by the community. AJ Martinich suggests that we send the BOF a quarterly report of our programs, projects and field use account. Danielle Alves explains the activity account. John Broadbin questions why our department isn't linked to Munis. Chris Griffin states that he will be an advocate for us to get Munis.

Minutes

The November 2014 minutes were distributed and reviewed.

AJ Martinich - Accept

John Broadbin - Second

All in favor of accepting the minutes.

Financial Reports

Operating Budget – Gary Simone held a brief discussion about the account.

Capital/Activity Account – Danielle Alves discusses.

Tom Cable - made a motion to accept the Operating Budget, Activity Accounts and Field Use Account.

Phil Tamallanca - seconded.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Ext Day – Danielle Alves discussed Ext Day. Everything is going well. General discussion is held.

Field Use – Brief discussion held regarding account.

Fred Tencic discusses field use fees. He asks that commission to consider a fee change for field usage starting in the spring of 2015. Discussion held. John Broadbin asks Fred Tencic for a copy of the master field schedule. Mike Lello schedules all the games on the weekend and Fred Tencic schedules all the practices.

Aspetuck Park – Guests ask if the dog park has been approved. Kathi Smith states that it wouldn't be voted on until maybe March 2015. They question the clearing that was done at Aspetuck Park. Gary Simone states that the area was cleared for Day Camp, a hiking trail and the "possibility" for a dog park. He states that Phil Doremus reviewed the area and the work that was done and has no issue with what was done at Aspetuck Park. Discussion is held. John Broadbin states that the department is right now looking to build walking trails in that location. The two guests are against the dog park and state that safety is an issue.

Ordinance - John Broadbin states that annual, every January we should have an election of chairman, vice chairman and a clerk. Since it was not on the agenda for this meeting the commission will not be voting. It will be placed on February 2015 agenda.

Pavilion – Kathi Smith asked Gary Simone what the status is on the pavilion. Brief discussion held on location and funding. Alternative places, World War I monument area, Union Cemetery, Vest Pocket Park in front of Town Hall plaque for World War II, Helen Keller.

Master Plan – John Broadbin shows the commission the current drawing for the Master Plan at Morehouse. John Broadbin discusses.

New Business – No new business

Facility Maintenance – No discussion

Public Comment – Above under Aspetuck Park

Accidents - Brief discussion held

Tom Cable made a motion to adjourn.
AJ Martinich seconded.
All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53PM.

Submitted by– Lisa Farasciano

