


Easton Parks & Recreation
February 17, 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: Adam Dunsby and see attached

Meeting called to order @ 7:33pm

Minutes

The January 2015 minutes were distributed and reviewed.

John Broadbin - Accept

Phil Tamallanca - Second

All in favor of accepting the minutes.

Financial Reports

Operating Budget – Gary Simone held a brief discussion about the account. We are half way thru the year and we are doing well with the budget.

Capital/Activity Account – Danielle Alves discusses. Still waiting on official balance from the comptroller. All spring/summer programs are online and we are waiting for the brochures from the printer. All programs ran except Spanish. The Art Center is doing very well.

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

AJ Martinich - seconded.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Ext Day – Danielle Alves discussed Ext Day. Everything is going well. General discussion is held. Gary Simone states how well Ext Day is run. With all the half days, delayed openings all staff has been great and all is running smoothly.

Field Use – Brief discussion held regarding account.

Aspetuck Park – Dog Park

Kathi Smith asks for a motion to see what commission members are in favor of a dog park. Tom Cable makes a motion to accept or deny the dog park. John Broadbin is in favor of using the back property at Aspetuck Park. Phil Tamallanca states that he feels that the dog park should be enclosed. He feels it is a good idea to have a dog park. He also feels that we can keep a better eye on the T-Ball field by Keller than at Aspetuck. He doesn't feel any residents would have an issue with it. AJ Martinich states that he accepts a dog park. He feels that possible near Keller (T-Ball field) would be a better place, he states his reasons why. Tom Cable states that the dog park should be enclosed. Kirsten Ceva agrees that she would love a dog park in town. She feel that we need to have it enclosed. She wants to make sure that we have a sign at the entrance and bags for the residents to use to clean up after their dogs.

Kathi Smith asks for a motion to decide if the commission is in favor of an enclosed dog park and what location.

Motion - All in favor of the enclosed Dog Park in Easton at a location to be determined at the next meeting.

Phil Tamallanca – Makes a motion

John Broadbin - second

All in favor

Ordinance – Motion to table the board election to the March meeting due to missing members

Kirsten – Made motion

AJ Martinich – Second

All in favor

New Business –

2015-2016 Budget – Gary Simone discusses. He discusses that we need vehicles and that would come from the activity account. John Broadbin suggests looking at the state websites for trucks. We currently have two trucks, one is 20 years old and the other is around 13 years old. Gary Simone also states that the department also needs a new mower.

Motion to accept the 2016/2017 budget

Kirsten Ceva - Motion

Tom Cable – second

All in favor

Sacred Heart University – South Park Property – Adam Dunsby gives the background on this property. Sacred Heart University has shown an interest in this property for athletic purposes. Their ideas for the property include an ice rink, tennis courts and swimming pool. They are presenting at a meeting to the town residents on Thursday, February 19th at the Senior Center. John Broadbin asks Adam Dunsby if we would have a contract regarding Easton residents being able to use the facilities to a degree. Adam Dunsby states that the discussions/contracts have not gone that far, but that Sacred Heart University has discussed so. John Broadbin asks if the commission can go walk the current property, Adam Dunsby states yes.

Facility Maintenance – Grounds keeping plan for Keller – Adam Dunsby discusses. He has received inquiry from people that they are concerned about the grounds keeping around Helen Keller. He feels that it would be good for us to have a list of grounds maintenance that would be the starting point. Then we can talk about recourses and man power. John Broadbin suggests that anyone can come up with a list. He would like the Parks & Recreation department to come up with a list of what we are responsible for and what we have a budget for. Adam Dunsby would like a list made of all things despite budget constants. John Broadbin states that everyone has a different idea of what grounds keeping is, not all will be the same. John Broadbin states that our budget has decreased considerable over the last 8 years and that our manpower is very limited. Not that we don't want to help but we are limited budget wise. Kathi Smith asks who Adam Dunsby wants to come up with the list? She states that our maintenance department have spent hundreds of hours at Keller alone. Phil Tamallanca states that he would like to come up with a list/plan.

Public Comment – Part of Facility Maintenance - Shannon Barnett, PTA Co-president states the PTA is happy that the commission are happy to work together with the Beautification Committee to maintain Helen Keller. They are going to have a Wish List for Parks & Recreation, and we are able/willing to help. Gary Simone states that Alan at Helen Keller has promised that he

would inform us when the courtyard at Keller needs to be maintained. Bettina Grab states that they have spoken to Gary Simone, the BOE and Adam Dunsby regarding this issue. She feels the maintenance at Keller has been a gray area. Kirsten Ceva states that Gary Simone is always willing to help anyone and that we have two maintenance people and two or three more in the summer. Discussion held. Claire Wilks Co-president PTA SSES, she states that Gary Simone and the Parks & Rec department has been a big help with maintaining SSES and she looks forward to working with the department in the future.

Accidents - Brief discussion held

John Broadbin made a motion to adjourn.
Kirsten Ceva seconded.
All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM.

Submitted by- Lisa Farasciano

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Farasciano".