

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2015

3:30 p.m.

Unity Park Field House

56 1st Street

Turners Falls, MA 01376

Present: Dennis Grader, Chairperson, Linda Ackerman, Vice Chairperson, Barbara Kuklewicz, Secretary, Jon Dobosz, Director of Parks & Recreation, Jennifer Peterson, Clerk/Bookkeeper (3:45)

Meeting Being Taped

Agenda:

1. Meeting Called to Order 3:34 p.m.

2. Voting of Commission Member Positions/Titles

Commission congratulated Barbara on her re-election to the commission.

Motion: Linda Ackerman makes a motion to keep the Commission's titles the same as long as all commission members agree to this motion; seconded by Barbara Kuklewicz.

Vote: 3-0; *Dennis Grader, Chairperson, Linda Ackerman, Vice Chair, and Barbara Kuklewicz, Secretary*

3. Approval of May 20, 2015 Minutes: Linda Ackerman makes the motion of accepting minutes; Barbara Kuklewicz seconded the motion.

4. Sway Fun Glider Project Completion

The Commission went outside to view the newly installed Sway Fun Glider. The account has a \$3,000 balance and with that Jon recommends purchasing a sign dedicating it to Jacob Norwood. All corporate donors will be on the sign as well. Jon would like to see a boarder around the glider keeping the wood chips contained. He also feels the grand opening of the glider should not be held until the sign is installed properly honoring the individuals and businesses involved. He was impressed with the community's dedication; approximately 130 labor hours were committed to this project.

5. Montague Center School Play Structure Completion

The structure was completely removed in about 3.5 hours without any problems. A thank you letter was sent to the editor of the Montague Reporter recognizing the help that Gary Turn, John Collins and the Mohawk Ramblers provided. The structure was stored in the old blacksmith shop, until it can be installed in the Montague Center Park Playground.

6. Skate Park Project Update

The bid schedule was added to the registry on April 28. The bid opening is Wednesday, May 27, Town Hall at 2:00 p.m. The advertisement was published May 6. Jon is hoping for a good estimate.

7. FY 16 Budget Update

Jon handed the commission an updated version of the budget. There is now a line item set up in our Operating Budget specifically for playground surfacing; something the Finance Committee recommended. Other items that were placed back into the Operating Budget from our revolving accounts were: dues/memberships, copier lease/office equipment, facilities, and grounds maintance. Pool expenses was removed from the Operating Budget and placed into Revolving.

8. Summer Programs

The Commission was happy with the look of the brochure. Jon would love to fill it with more sports camps but it's difficult to find people to run these camps.

9. Directors Report

There were no questions.

10. Other Business:

Jon anticipates hearing if we've been re-awarded Playful City status in the near future.

Dennis wanted to recognize and thank Jon for all the work he has been involved in these past few months with the Sway Fun Glider and the Montague Center structure removal.

11. Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.