

Parks and Recreation Committee

May 28, 2014

Members Present: Councilman Hoydick, Mr. Salerno, Mr. Kadeem, Councilman Poisson, Ms. Antezzo, Mr. Stelmack

Members Absent: Mr. O'Brien, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Jaekle, Councilman Budnick

Others Present: P. Patusky, Recreation Superintendent, Chad Esposito, Parks Superintendent

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Stelmack made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kadeem. The motion carried unanimously.

Projects and Reports

- a. **In-line skating** – Ms. Patusky noted there is nothing new to report about the park – kids are using it but is in bad shape. Recommends moving new park a year closer in the Town plan – would need \$200k to get it started.
- b. **5-Year Plan** – Ms. Patusky reported the survey is on the Town's website. Approximately 100 responses have been received to date. It will be in the Community Calendar in August. Mr. O'Brien had to get an upgrade for "Survey Monkey" to complete the survey. Only one response per email address will be allowed. Most overwhelming response was bathroom facilities at Wooster. Committee discussed multiple cleanings vs. additional porto-potty added at Wooster. Ms. Patusky will get a quote.
- c. **Dog Park** – Chairman Hoydick distributed and reviewed rules put together by the Town Attorney. Committee agreed to change #13 to read "Smoking, alcoholic beverages, food or drink of any kind are not allowed in the dog park". Committee discussed water and shade at the park. Ms. Lockshier reported there will be a five (5) foot fence with

three (3) gates at the park. Current funds available - \$16,062.57. **Mr. Kadeem made a motion to send to Council with a favorable recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salerno. The motion carried unanimously.**

Continuing Items

- a. **Frank DeLuca Field** – SWC playing at the field May 28 and 29th – Brakettes will be starting soon.
- b. **Short Beach** – Mr. Esposito reported a new pro has been hired – stepping up marketability. Committee members noted that the beach area is in great condition. Mr. Esposito said grooming is done every day at Short Beach and Longbeach will be groomed shortly.
- c. **Boothe Park** – Committee discussed mowing and building maintenance. They also discussed rental fees in comparison with costs. Ms. Patusky informed the Committee they are not even breaking even. Committee will look into raising fees at park approximately \$10.
- d. **Maximize Use of School Facilities** – Chairman Hoydick will check on the last minute cancellations by the Board of Education.
- e. **Tennis Courts, Platform Tennis and Pickle Ball** – Mr. Esposito reported Flood court complete – Wooster work in progress. Committee discussed installing signage at Longbrook clay court to read “usage by permit only” once fencing is installed.
- f. **Athletic Fields** – Mr. Kadeem questioned the wiring of lighting at Johnson. Mr. Esposito is waiting for funds for wiring – approximate cost \$20k – Pop Warner was going to do wiring but cannot come up with money.
- g. **Clover Field** – Mr. Esposito noted they have put up extra netting on backstop and fencing around culvert. Building Needs Superintendent is in charge of refurbishing concession stand. Chairman Hoydick will incorporate on the next Building Needs agenda.
- h. **Longbrook Park** –
 - a. **Splash Park** – Moving forward
 - b. **Cell Tower** – No report

- i. **Roosevelt Forest** – When police use shooting range the forest is closed. Committee members were in agreement that signage should be installed to note when police are using forest.
- j. **Youth Soccer Field U-12** – This item will remain on the agenda until a field is found.

Old Business

1. **Usage of Short Beach** – As of this date, no outside groups have been seen.

New Business

1. **Smoke free beaches, parks and fields** – Mr. O'Brien would like to send a recommendation to the Town Council to adopt an Ordinance. Noted an Ordinance would have to be written to avoid lawsuits. Chairman Hoydick would like the Town Attorney to check other area towns to see if they have any Ordinances to this effect. Will send to Town Attorney requesting an opinion.
2. Ms. Patusky noted a sticker attendant will be on duty starting June 15th from 8a.m.-6p.m.
3. Committee discussed fencing installation at Wigwam.
4. Ms. Antezzo discussed situation at Shakespeare. Noted 20% has to remain park land. Mr. Stelmack noted the theatre is not viable without any other kind of building.

Adjournment – Seeing no other business to discuss, Mr. Poisson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salerno. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Gail De Cilio