



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:07 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chair, JaNeen Lentsch; Vice Chair, David Lundeen; Denise Purington; Director, Lisa Grolljahn, Salim Blume Ex-Officio.

EXCUSED: N/A

NOT PRESENT: Pam Moul

Pledge of Allegiance

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Donny Hebert, Weare Resident, here to speak about skate park. Mr. Hebert has offered to help with a fund-raising event to raise money to enhance the park. He would like to see the skate park brought back to its "glory days". He will come back with a proposal for additional enhancements to the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Lentsch made a motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2023, and Ms. Grolljahn seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was approved.

Agenda Topics

Topic: Tennis Courts

Ms. Purington presented issues with equipment since the code to the equipment bin has been made public. Equipment hasn't been properly stored and cared for. The Weare Pickleball Club (WPC) has offered to donate to the town the stand up shed to store the town net in. They will also keep the broom and squeegee in this shed. The lock on the WPC equipment bin will be changed and not published and the equipment in that box will be for WPC members only as all that equipment has been bought and donated by WPC.

Action Items: Ms. Lentsch made a motion to store town net in the stand up shed and to accept the donation of the stand up shed from the Weare Pickleball Club for the purpose of storing the town net. Ms. Grolljahn seconded the motion and all present were in favor. Motion passed.

Topic: Skate Park Eagle Scout Project

The Eagle Scout project was present by the Eagle Scout to the Board of Selectmen and was approved. Fence repair at skate park. Fifty percent of the check will be issued on Thursday to MH Fence.

Action Items: The Eagle Scout will present his project to the Eagle Scout Board.
Ms. Lentsch will confirm with Town Office that check will be issued.

Topic: Car Show Field Usage Form

The annual car show is coming up but Parks and Recreation Commission hasn't received a field usage form yet.

Action Items: Follow up with Ms. Bolton Town Administrator to see if she has the request.

Topic: Bolton Park

Ms. Purington reported that she was unable to reach Utiplay. The phone is not answered and no option for leaving a message comes up. Ms. Purington reported that she looked at other playground equipment companies and replacement cost could run five thousand dollars or more. At this time the slide is still usable so maintenance will be deferred.

Ms. Lentsch reported that the gate repair quote was submitted to Ms. Rouse in the Town Office and initial deposit for work to begin should go out on Thursday.

Action Items: Ms. Purington to contact Utiplay through their website. Commission members agreed to defer the replacement of the slide until the fall when budget options may be better understood.
Ms. Lentsch to follow up with Ms. Rouse to confirm check has been issued.

Topic: Chase Park

The volume numbers and revenue collection numbers YTD were reviewed. All appears to be on track and no issues report with out of town patrons causing town resident not to be able to use park due to increase volume.

We are still dealing with issues with Granite State Telephone over phone bill charges. Commission discussed alternative options for internet at the park for next season.

Action Items: Commission to review volume and revenue again at their August 8th meeting.
Ms. Grollijahn to contact Granite State Telephone to look to resolve issues with billing. Mr. Blume will look into options for internet with Comcast as town is currently negotiating a town contract with them.

Topic: Budget reviewed. Ms. Grollijahn will pause several of the port-a-potties for the summer at the fields that are not being used. No other issues reported.

Action Items: Ms. Grollijahn to reduce the number of port-a-potties in use for the summer.

Topic: Seniors

Ms. Purington suggested that in lieu of purchasing holiday gift baskets which reach only a limited number of senior that the Commission consider hosting a summer and holiday meal for senior. Commission members felt it was worth looking into.

Action Items: Ms. Purington to reach out to the Weare-rites and Hand in Hand to get input and feedback.

Topic: Ineson

Irrigation equipment has not yet been repaired due to cost and budget constraints however Ms. Grollijahn reported that the field looks good as a result of all the rain this summer.

Action Items: This will be deferred for further discussion this fall and more quotes to be obtained by Ms. Grollijahn.

Topic: Gazebo Benches

The benches at the Gazebo are in disrepair and the organization that had reached out to donated new one has not followed through. Suggestion was made by Ms. Purington that if the Eagle Scout who is making benches for Chase Park is able to make more than planned due to more than expected donations, several could be placed at the Gazebo and remove those in disrepair.

Action Items: Will await completion of Eagle Scout park bench project to see how many benches will be donated.

Topic: Master Plan for East Road site

Discussion took place about next steps for developing a master plan for the East Road site which was requested by the Board of Selectmen. More details are needed including where the funding will come to complete the master plan.

Action Items: Ms. Purington to begin looking at drafting a CIP plan for presentation this fall.

Topic: Charging for field usage during off season when fields are not being used by youth groups. Brief discussion on report from Mr. Blume that the Board of Selectmen would consider a proposal for charging for now youth sport field usage during times when fields are not in use by youth groups.

Action Items: Further discussion and planning is needed.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Ms. Lentsch to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Ms. Grollijahn, all were in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Minutes Recorded by Ms. Purington