



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes June 27, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:12 PM

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

EXCUSED: N/A

NOT PRESENT: N/A

Pledge of Allegiance

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: JoAnne Gagnon of the Lake Horace Landowners spoke to the Commission regarding activities they are planning this summer and working with the Commission. They asked if holding a moving night for young children and their families would be something the Commission would support. It would be open to the general public on a first come first serve basis until parking capacity was met. Further discussion followed about future opportunities to work together on activities involving Chase Park and the Landowners. The Commission also agreed to leave Chase Park open on Saturday July 1, 2023 so towns people can watch the fireworks put on by the landowners. Ms. Gagnon will attend future meetings to discuss more details of movie night.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Lentsch made a motion to accept the minutes of May 9, 2023, and Ms. Moul seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was approved.

Agenda Topics

Topic: Eagle Scott Project – Benjamin Lanier Presenter

Ben Lanier presented to the commission his Eagle Scott project which is to build a new skate ramp. He presented a detailed plan including drawing and budget estimates and how he plans to do fundraising for the cost of materials. Discussion took place on the location of the new feature as some portions of the skate park flood during heavy rain. Ben also informed the Commission that during the installation of the feature the park would need to be closed one to three weekends in October. Safety concerns were discussed including railings around top of the feature. Discussion also took place about the need for the feature to be inspected by the Town Building Inspector prior to opening to the public. Ms. Moul made a motion that Parks and Rec to accept and approve the project proposal for Ben Lanier to build a ramp at

the skate park for his Eagle Scott project. Ms. Lentsch seconded it. All present were in favor and the motion was approved.

Action Items: Ben will reach out to the building inspector at the Town Offices. Ben will also get on the Select Boards meeting to present for their approval.

Topic: Fence at Skate Park. There are two repairs needed at the skate park. The first are the safety chain covers in black on top railing for 150 feet at a cost of \$834.60. This was a quote obtained in May and good for 14 days so the price may have gone up. The second repair is for damage done to gate during the winter due to plowing. The gate will need new latches, drop rods and stretching of the wire for the gates to be back and fully functional. The cost of this \$1504.93. Discussion took place over who is responsible for the repairs of the fence due to damage from plowing. Commission members agreed that this bill needed to go to the school and they could determine if they needed to submit a insurance claim. Ms. Lentsch made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 dollars to furnish and install 150 feet of chain link safety covers in black around the skate park located at the Weare Middle School. Ms. Purington seconded it, the motion was approved by all and the motion passed.

Action Items: Ms. Grolljahn will reach out to the school regarding the repair bill for the damaged gate.

Topic: Tennis Courts. Ms. Purington provide two updates. The cracks have not been seal as of yet as the weather has not cooperated. We need three consecutive nights about 55 and rain free. Once weather looks to rain free for three days crack repairs can begin. Ms. Purington mention she may need help. Ms. Purington also brought up the condition of the courts after lawn mowing and weed whacking takes place. Lots of debris is blown onto the courts making them dangerous for play. Ms. Purington also recommend that the code on the gate lock remain the same as things seem to be going well. There has been several complaints about the lock not working but there has only been two complaints. You must push the lock neck in and then pull it open. No further action is needed.

Action Items: Ms. Grolljahn has already spoken to Mr Stockhaus, and he has blown all the debris off and will talk with his crew about future care to clean the courts after mowing.

Topic: Porta Potty

Currently we are incurring a cost of \$800 per month for Porta Potties at the various fields. Ms. Grolljahn recommended we cancel the one at Purington, down to one at Bolton and cancel at Ineson. They will be reinstated in the fall. Ms. Lentsch mentioned the Historical society has offered to pay for a portion of the Porta Potty cost as they used it in June during the town wide yard sale. Mr. Flarherty

Action Item: Ms. Grolljahn will reach out to the Porta Potty company regarding pausing them for the summer. Ms. Lentsch will reach out to Mr. Flarherty regarding next steps to paying what portion they are willing to pay.

Topic: Bolton Field Tube Slide

The members discussed again the cost to repair the tube slide which is \$1800, \$1, 448.95 for the parts and \$440 for shipping which seem very high. Ms. Purington raised the concern that the slide will continue to degrade and before we pay this much should we consider full replacement using a company more local.

Action Items: Ms. Purington to reach out to other companies to obtain some information on the cost of replacing the slide.

Topic: Gate at Bolton Field

While a motion was made at a prior meeting to approve the gate repairs due to cost three quotes were needed. Ms. Grolljahn reached out to two other companies. One company did not respond and the other was a no show to their appointment. MH fence still remains the only vendor who has responded. Ms. Purington noted from minutes of a prior meeting that three attempts had been made and only MH Fence responded with a quote for \$2,739 and we made a motion to approve up to \$4,000.

Action Items: Ms. Lentsch will reach out to Ms. Rouse to confirm orders have been placed.

Topic: Grass at Bolton Field

Weare Athletic Club (WAC) reached out regarding the repair of the grass at Bolton Field. The field was repaired after the vandalism however the grass didn't take. WAC is concerned because they had to move spring Lacrosse to another field which caused them to have to incur additional cost.

Action Items: Ms. Grolljahn reached out to Stockhaus already to have field reseeded. She will also follow up to be sure it have been completed.

Topic: Chase Park

Story time has begun for the summer with the library at the lake. Admission tickets for those who are involved is not required to pay to get into story time.

Fence at entrance is broken. MH fence has quoted five hundred and fifty dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$550.78) to complete the repairs. Ms. Lentsch made a motion to spend up to eight hundred dollars (\$800) to repair the broken damaged fence at Chase Park. Ms. Moul seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Purington asked if the current year to date volumes and fees collected were available for the Commission to review. Those numbers are not available at this time for the commission to review. Year to date the park has not reached capacity and no one has been turned away due to lack of parking availability. Ms. Purington made a request that we look at Chase Park stats at each of our monthly meetings.

Action Items: Ms. Grolljahn will continue to follow up with Granite State Telephone regarding phone issues at Chase Park. Ms. Grolljahn will bring stats to the next meeting.

Topic: Charging for field use during off season

Mr. Blume Ex-Officio informed the Commission that The BOS has agreed to the Commission to begin planning and discussing how charging for field usage in off seasons would look like. They did not approve charging but approved us to put a plan together.

Ms. Moul informed the board that the Eagle Scott who will be building bench at Chase park exceeded his fund raising goal and will be able to build 20 bench instead of the ten originally planned so these benched can be place at other facilities.

Action Items: Ms. Grolljahn will obtain Chase Park stats for the next meeting.

Topic: Lawn Games have been delivered to the library and they have kicked off their summer program.

Action Items: None

Topic: Budget – Bills to be paid to date are a little over three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

Action Items:

Topic: Senior no new business. Ms. Purington mentioned discussing at future meeting maybe using the money to host a holiday meal for all senior instead of purchasing baskets. To be discussed at a future meeting.

Action Items: N/A

Topic: Ineson Field

Ms. Grolljahn reminded everyone that the well pump is still not functioning. Two quotes were obtained, MDM at fourteen thousand nine hundred and ninety seven dollars (\$14,997) and Smith Pump at seven thousand three hundred (\$7,300). Ms. Lentsch suggested reaching out to some additional companies.

Action Items: Ms. Grolljahn will reach out to some additional companies.

Topic: Site Plan for the East Street donated land.

Action Items: To be put on agenda for future discussion.

Topic: Gazebo

The group that was going to repair the benches has fallen through. No new contact made.

Action Items: N/A

Topic: July 11, 2023 Agenda items

Senior funds

Well at Ineson

Site Plan

Fees at Chase Park

Next Meeting: July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Ms. Lentsch to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Ms. Grolljahn, all were in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

Minutes Recorded by Ms. Purington