



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Denise Purington; Shelby O'Donnel; Matthew Beiler; James Drury, Ex-Officio; Vice Chair, David Lundeen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair, Pam Moul; Lisa Purington-Grolljahn, Director

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: The nonpublic purchasing part was moved to the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes are up to date on the website.

PARK UPDATES: The PARC was unable to have the site walk due to the storm and rescheduled the site walk for the fields. Mr. Beiler said that he walked Purrington Field today and the grass is dry they would need to stay off the inner ball field. Vice Chair Lundeen asked how the infield washout was. Mr. Beiler said everything is still covered. The committee will need to reach out to the programs and see if they are available Sunday at 1 pm. Mr. Beiler said there was a little storm damage at the Purrington and there are a couple of trees on fences and in the parking lot. Some trees line Purington and the road that are down. Mr. Beiler said he also went down to Bolton and Bolton Road was blocked by a tree and Mr. Beiler moved that out of the way so people could have access down there. Mr. Beiler said he was not able to look at Ineson and Chase Park. Vice Chair Lundeen said that Chase Park has some trees down. Mr. Beiler said that he is willing to go and clean up the tree at Bolton. Ms. O'Donnell asked which park they would be meeting at first for the walk-through. Vice Chair Lundeen said Purington.

Ms. Purington did that she met with the people with John Stark, and they have put together a tennis team of between 12 and 20 students who have an interest in tennis. They are looking to practice one day a week on Fridays. They may have games, but they are unsure. Ms. Purington said that she had not walked or looked at the court and gotten up to the courts and put the nets up. Discussion ensued regarding the tennis courts. Mr. Beiler asked if Ms. Purington asked about the insurance in case there was damage. Mr. Beiler said it sounds like a change of policy on the Tennis Court usage and it should potentially be treated the same way as other organizations requesting the use of the fields and should be postponed until they can vote on the policy change. Ms. Purington explained what the policy said and that the likelihood of anyone being there from 3- 5 pm this time of year is slim. Ms. Purington said that she did not make a policy change. Mr. Beiler said he meant going forward. Discussion ensued.

Vice Chair Lundeen said a Lost and Found project is going on for Chase Park as a capstone project. It is coming along and will be installed. The question the student had was what color they wanted to stain it do they want it stained the colors of the existing door above it or the trim color? It is a soft green color. Vice Chair Lundeen said he would say white or dark brown to make it stand out. Mr. Beiler agreed with the White color. Ms. Purington said the benches around the gazebo are unsafe and have splintered. Discussion ensued.

Discussion was had regarding the naming of fields and if there is a policy. Discussion was had that it should be brought to the BOS and a decision of the BOS. The PARC agreed that they could make recommendations to the board and figure out whose responsibility it is to maintain and upkeep the donations. The PARC discussed creating a policy regarding donations and naming fields or other donations to the Town. Ex-Officio Drury said they could look into what other communities do that they could get ideas from.

The PARC did the interviews on Friday night and the individuals they would like to hire will be contacted. They will need to get their shirt sizes and then set them up to do cleanup this weekend. Vice Chair Lundeen asked if the Selectmen would like to only meet the new hires or if they would like to see all of the hires. Ex-Officio Drury will ask that of the BOS.

Ms. Purington asked if there is going to be an opportunity for PARC, CC, BOS, and Town Counsel to discuss Eastman. Ex-Officio Drury said that they do not have to come and ask for the discussion the BOS is trying to work with Town Counsel on the legal predicament because there are two essentially opposing warrant articles that both passed, and they cannot do both. Ms. Purington asked that the PARC and CC get to be kept in the loop. Discussion ensued.

Discussion regarding fees and not changing the fees. Discussion regarding the WIFI at the gatehouse and the hardline. The commission voted last year not to turn the WIFI back on unless they were going to use a credit card machine or unless they needed it for safety reasons.

Discussion was had about asking simple questions through email is okay like if they are having a meeting, but no decisions should be made in an email.

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2024, at 7:30 PM

Being there was no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Vice Chair Lundeen to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Beiler all were in favor. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Kearsten O'Brien

Kearsten O'Brien, Minute Taker