



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes December 13, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chair, JaNeen Lentsch; Vice Chair, David Lundeen; Pam Moul; Denise Purington; Director, Lisa Grolljahn, John Van Loendersloot.

EXCUSED:

NOT PRESENT:

Pledge of Allegiance

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Moue made a motion to accept the minutes of November 15, 2022, and Mr. Lundeen seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was approved. Note minutes for the October 11, 2022 meeting still outstanding, Ms. Grolljahn minute taker for this meeting.

Agenda Topics

Topic: Tennis Courts – the courts have been secured for the winter with all the doors chained closed and utility bin locked and secured. The voicemail box for setting up security code for the courts has been secured and the Commission agreed we will wait until spring to set up the message and establish the code.

Action Items: Ms. Purington will attempt one more time to get a hold of Vermont Rec regarding cracks in the surface.

Topic: Skate Park – The signs for use at your own risk have not yet been installed by DPW, one of the Commission Members will try to get the installed by spring. The damaged feature in the center of the park has been removed, wood was rotted and creating a safety hazard. The metal was salvaged for possible future use. The remaining large ramp can be repaired and will be addressed in the spring if funding is available. Mr. Lundeen reported standing water near the entrance due to heavy rain. Something to keep in mind when adding new features in the future that water pools in this areas.

Action Items: Revisit sealing of skate park in the spring in the spring of 2023.

Topic: Bolton Field – Bench plaque has been replaced. The areas around the playground has been all cleared and looks great. Commission would like to see this areas added to the current contract for the ground and maintenance company so it can be maintained. Sunshades were taken down, the cracked bubble has been replaced with new flat surface window which looks great and is much stronger. The tire swing that was purchased in July was determined to be the wrong size, three chains vs four, so an attempt will be made to return it and the swing was replaced using existing chains and a new tire was added. The shed was cleaned out of old no longer needed items. The bottom slide replacement pieces are current in the shed and will be installed in the spring. The port-a-potties were dumped over again so Ms. Groljahn contacted company to come get them for the winter. The irrigation system was leaking again and the irrigation company checked out the lines and blew them out. Once pipers from upper field were drained leaking ceased. We will need to find a new irrigation company in the spring. Mr. Lundeen is going to check to see who the school uses.

Action Items: Mr. Lundeen to look into what company the school uses for their irrigation system. Remaining bubbles on the play equipment will be replaced in the spring and the slide will be repaired in the spring.

Topic: Chase Park – Nothing new on boat ramp. Ms. Purington will try and connect with Ms. Bolton regarding status of DPW repairing it. New stickers for park admission for the 2023 need to be ordered. We are in need of at least one thousand stickers, approximately 2x2 in size and green in color if possible, Brown Graphics in the current vendor however the Commission will investigate other vendors to determine if we can get a better price. The state of NH Administrative Services might be an option for purchasing sticker at a lower cost. Currently we have an adequate supply of boat sticker. Gates will be opened the first of January to accommodate ice fishing.

Action Items: Ms. Purington to speak with Ms. Bolton regarding DPW repair of boat ramp. Ms. Moul to speak with Ms. Rouse regarding access to an account with State of NH for purchasing park sticker. Ms. Groljahn to open gates after January 1, 2023. Discussion of 2023 season park fees will be deferred to either the January or February meeting.

Topic: Library – Ms. Purington spoke with Library Director briefly regarding future expansion plans. Ms. Lentsch will try and make a future Library planning meeting.

Action Items: None

Topic: Budget - \$4,286.59 remains in the 2022 operating budget. There are a number of receipts outstanding yet to be paid.

Action Items: A budget meeting will be scheduled for December 27, 2022, to finalize the 2022 expenditure.

Topic: Senior Gifts – A list of 18 senior were submitted to us by the Weare-ites Chair Person. We have enough money left in this account to spend approximately \$44 on each gift as \$800 was approved for expenditure at the October meeting.

Action Items: Ms. Groljahn will purchase gifts and they will be distributed by the Commission members on December 24, 2022.

Topic: Ineson Field – no new business

Action Items: None

Topic: Gazebo – The Greg family donated a beautiful Christmas tree for the Gazebo. Many thanks to them. The Gazebo was decorated by the Commission members the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Action Items: None

Topic: Fields/Parks opening and closing hours – The Commission members discussed formalizing the times that the fields (Ineson, Purington, Bolton) and the skate park will be open for community use. A motion was made by Ms. Lentsch to update the website to include park hours stating all ungated parks close dusk to dawn (gated parks are closed when gated). Ms. Groljahn seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed. Exception to this would be if a usage form was submitted for use of a field/park between dusk and dawn and approved by the Commission.

Action Items: Ms. Moul to add to website.

Topic: Portable Lighting at Bolton Field – The JSR Football Team has indicated they want to do away with the portable lights and would like to add stationary lighting. The Commission members are not opposed to this but this group would have to make a formal proposal before the Commission.

Action Items: None at this time.

Next Meeting: December 27 at 7:00 PM Special Budget meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Ms. Lentsch to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Mr. Van Loendersloot, all were in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes Recorded by Ms. Purington