



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes May 9, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:12pm

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

EXCUSED: JaNeen Lentsch

NOT PRESENT: N/A

Pledge of Allegiance

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: Facility Use form

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr Lundeen made a motion to accept the minutes of April 11, 2023, and Ms. Moul seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was approved.

Agenda Topics

Topic: Tennis Courts: Ms. Purington gave an update on the status of the courts. Voicemail system to obtain gate code seems to be working. No public complaints. Each member of the Commission receives an email each time someone calls in with a record of the number calling in. Ms. Purington received the court crack filler from VT Rec. Courts will need to be closed for 48 hours once repairs are done. Notices on Parks and Rec website and on the email system will be posted.

Action Items: When temps remain above 50 degrees for three consecutive days the repairs to the courts can be done. Members of Weare Pickleball Club have offered to assist in the repair work. Ms. Purington will contact VT Rec to obtain invoice for the materials.

Topic: Skate Park Fence Repair – quotes have been received for repair of gate and fence damaged from winter plowing.

Action Items: Ms. Moul made a motion to expend 550.78 for repair of fencing and Ms. Grolljahn seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. This amount is to be taken from account 682.

Topic: Irrigation systems at the parks. The company who serviced the irrigation systems at the parks is not longer providing this service. Ms. Grolljahn presented quote from Fournier Irrigation with start up cost at Bolton being \$485 and for Ineson \$125. This does not include any repair if issues are found. Winterization cost will be \$290 at Bolton and \$150 at Ineson.

Action Items: We will move forward with Fournier irrigation and all cost will come from account 682.

Topic: Field Usage

PAC 24 has requested use of Chase Park June 10 & 11 from 8pm until 9am the next morning. The middle school has requested to use the Gazebo field for parking May 12, 2023 for 5K parking. Weare Middle School has requested the use of Chase Park for eighth grade outing June 14, 2023 and June 15, 2023 for Fishing day. Restroom will be opened for both events.

Action Item: Ms. Moul made a motion to accept the PAC 24 request and Mr. Lundeen seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The request for use of the Gazebo field for parking was denied due to the current status of the field which is very wet. Concern for damage to the field was the reason for the denial. Ms. Purington made a motion to accept the request for the Middle School to use Chase Park for eighth grade activities June 14 & 15, 2023. Ms. Moul seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion passed.

Topic: Bolton Field

Gate repair – attempts were made to obtain three quotes, MH fence, American Fence and Blue Ribbon. As of this meeting only one response was received from MH Fence. The quote was for \$2739. Approval to expend up to \$4,000 was passed at the April meeting.

Repair to upper tube of slide came in at \$1,448.98. Freight on this item was \$440 which seem excessive. If the upper tube continues to degrade before a replacement can be obtained the slide may need to be closed until repairs can take place. Commission to monitor status of slide.

Ms. Purington provided update regarding her inquiry to Ms. Bolton regarding the landscape contract and mowing inside fences at all parks. Ms. Bolton indicated that current contract with Stockhaus includes mowing inside fences and she will reach out to Stockhaus to remind them to do this at Bolton field and Skate park.

Road to lower fields at Bolton still has not been addressed by DPW. Road washout continues to occur. Ms. Grolljahn reported that damage done to Bolton football field by a vehicle has gone to court and we are awaiting outcome. The field has been repaired and we are awaiting decision by courts on reimbursement of these repairs by individual who did the damage.

A discussion took place regarding damage being done to field by individuals golfing on the fields. Mr. Lundeen requested that the website reflect that golfing is prohibited on all fields.

Action Items: Mr. Lundeen will contact company regarding freight on the tube for slide repair to determine if there are other options. Replacing wood chips at Bolton Field will be put on hold at this time until other more critical repair items can be addressed. If budget supports replacing wood chips they will be done later in the year.

Topic: Chase Park

The Lundeen family was thanked for their efforts in cleaning up the boat ramp at Chase Park.

A public hearing is set for May 15, 2023 at the Board of Selectmen meeting to hear public input into fee changes for the 2023 season.

A discussion regarding Chief Moore's suggestion to raise rates at park on holidays was discussed and Commission members felt this was not necessary at this time. Volume will be monitored at the park during holidays and will be revisited if needed.

Park hours for Memorial Day were discussed. On Monday park will close at 4pm.

Four picnic tables need to be replaced as they are beyond repair however at this time there is no money in the budget to repair them to this will be placed on hold at this time. One new table was purchased at the end of 2022.

Action Items:

Topic: Senior request for money for pizza luncheon.

Action Items: Commission will reimburse Weare-rites for pizza luncheon

Topic: Irrigation Repair at Ineson Field

Ms. Grolljahn reported that the quotes to repair the broken irrigation pump system at Ineson Field have been obtained. Smith Pump quoted \$7,300 and MDM quoted \$14,997. Both of these quotes are well above what the current budget will support.

Action Items: Additional quotes to be obtained to determine if the cost of repair and replacement can be reduced.

Topic: Gazebo – Ms. Lentsch has received an email from a local construction company offering to provide the materials needed to repair the benches at the gazebo. BOS have indicated that we are able to accept this type of donation provide it is less than \$5,000.

Action Items: Ms. Lentsch will be asked to reach out to the donors and work with them to move forward with repairs provided it remains below \$5,000.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2023 at 7pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Ms. Purington to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Ms. Moul, all were in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Minutes Recorded by Ms. Purington

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