

Franklin Recreation Commission

Minutes of June 6, 2018

- * Meeting called to order by Chairman Jacksin, 7:31 PM
- * Visitors,
 - * None
- * Minutes from the April 4, 2018 Meeting were distributed. Lee J motioned to accept the minutes as presented. This Motion was seconded by Pat J and passed without further discussion or dissent.
- * Treasurers Report – Not Available (again)
- * Additions to Agenda – None
- * Old Business
 - * Rich H reported that the Backboards previously approved for purchase were in and are being stored in the Softball Field building. A discussion ensued where Wednesday June 15th (4:30 PM) was selected as installation time. Steve Ayer volunteered to bring a tractor with a front-end loader to make the project easier. Rich H and Lee J agreed to be there with ladders and tools to make it happen.
 - * Rich H presented a questionnaire from the FES asking about the Athletic Awards the FRC has typically given. Rich motioned to approve two (one male and one female) \$100 awards from the checking account to 8th Grade Graduates from FES, The Motion was seconded by Lee J and passed without further discussion or dissent.
 - * Rich H reported that we have \$25K in CIP funds for a new playscape. A discussion followed with a lose plan that we will try to work with the Sprague Grant Writer to identify a grant to couple with to as much as double the funds for a better installation to be installed once the large pine tree is removed for safety reasons.
 - * Rich started to report on the projects given to Jeff G and the Franklin Lions Club, called Jeff for a clarification on one and Jeff offered to come over to the meeting. Within 5 minutes Jeff reported for himself that:
 - * Vent on the LL building has been removed & roof repaired.
 - * Bathroom in the LL building has been gutted & re-sheetrocked
 - * Dug-outs at the LL field have not yet been started
 - * Dugout on the SLBB Field has been deemed un-savable.
- * New Business
 - * Pat J Motioned to approve \$3, to be paid to the Franklin Lions Club, for Jeff to purchase the necessary materials and build a new 1st base dugout on the SLBB Field. This motion was seconded by Lee J and passed without further discussion or dissent.
 - * Rich H motioned to authorize Lee J to purchase up to \$550 worth of awards for the children participating in the Franklin Rec Runs that will start on Monday July 2nd. This motion was seconded by Pat J and passed unanimously without further discussion.

* Pat J put forth a Motion to authorize Lee J to purchase up to \$2,500 worth of materials in order to build replacement picnic tables for Giddings Park. This Motion was seconded by Rich H and passed without further discussion or dissent.

* Lee J reported that the Tennis Courts need to be resurfaced and the estimates received are between \$30-40K. We will need to put in for additional CIP funding in order to tackle such a project.

* Steve A questioned the cost and appropriateness of the Rec Comm starting a quarterly Newsletter regarding what we have going on as well as other community-based groups. It was decided to try and create a listing of community group contacts that could be contacted for submissions. We will start that list and discuss further in July and target a possible September kickoff.

* Lee J questioned if the large piles of woodchips currently located at the Town Garage could be used for the trail maintenance that we have financed each of the past 3-4 years. Rich will check on and advise.

* Lee also reported that there were a few large bucket loads of loam removed from our “supply” pile. Would like to know where it has gone. Rich said he would investigate this as well.

* Safety Issues:

* The two trees still not removed (1 pine, 1 maple). The First Selectman is aware of this issue and has the funds in his “tree budget”. It is supposed to be taken care of this summer.

* The sideline 4’ fencing on the SLBB Field. Money for this remains in the CIP funds but when the previous First Selectman took over the project for better costs using the “State Contractor” this part of the project fell through the cracks. Current First Selectman is aware and has stated this will be taken care of this summer.

* Correspondence

* None of any importance

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Rich H seconded by Lee J – motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Attendees; Pat Jacksin, Rich Hiscox, Lee Johnson and Steve Ayer

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