

October 7, 2013

Present:

Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Whitney Ryan, Tim Cook, Joe Fredlund; Coordinator Lisa Easter; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order:

Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

By Ray Reich, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:*** Beach & Boat Launch:**

A letter has been received from Beach Caretakers Leah and Chris Papsin proposing a planting of daffodil bulbs on the grassy banks of the lake nearest to the bridge.

Motion:

To approve an expenditure of \$280 for 500 daffodil bulbs per the Papsin proposal.

By Sheila Anson, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

* Beach Director Jeff Cox has submitted his report of the season – stating all went well with his assistant director and guards. The kayaks, as in the last year or two, were a huge success. Jeff also stated he would be “honored” to return as Beach Director for the 2014 season. Lisa Easter reported that Boat Launch Director Hank Vallely has also had a good season and would be submitting his report shortly.

*** River Walk Park:**

Lisa Easter reported that Groundskeeper Wes Gladding has painted the floors of the Pavilion bathrooms and will hopefully get to the kitchen before winter. They look great! Lisa has contacted Eagle Electric regarding the installation of lights by the grill and utility room door. She has obtained the necessary Zoning permit. Soap dispensers have been ordered for the bathrooms as well as toilet paper holders. She has been advised by the Washington Supply that the stall latches may be able to be fixed by “squaring up” the partitions. Lisa has spoken with Larry Cable who will be able to do the work. The Commissioners felt that the partition in the Men’s room should be replaced rather than sanded and repainted again (this has already been tried). There was a suggestion of purchasing a steam cleaner for the Pavilion Attendant to use in the bathrooms. C.J. Kersten reported he has spoken with Kevin Smith re: the Pavilion Floor who has estimated an approximate cost of \$15,000-\$20,000 to rip up and replace the concrete. He is also waiting for an estimate from Tom Knecht. There was discussion as to looking into alternatives to fill the cracks until the major work can be budgeted for and performed. C.J. explained to the Commissioners that the

Village Improvement Society has approved \$3250 toward the total proposal of \$6500 given by Arbor Services for work performed at the River Walk.

Motion:

To approve an expenditure of \$3250 for work proposed by Arbor Services on the River Walk, to be completed by next Spring. This will be combined with the Village Improvement Society's \$3250 for a total of \$6500.00.

By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Sheila Anson and unanimously approved.

The proposal has also been reviewed by Tree Warden Tom Osborne. Tim Cook explained he may need to make a minor purchase of some silt fencing for his removing of stumps behind the Joe Martin Field. Lisa will contact Artistic Irrigation to have the system closed down.

* Tennis Courts & Basketball Courts:

Lisa Easter has received estimates from M&M to repair/resurface both courts – Tennis \$1550; Basketball \$4950. They can fill the cracks in both for \$400-\$500 each to get them through the winter.

Motion:

To approve an expenditure of \$1000.00 to fill the cracks on the Tennis and Basketball Courts.

By Whitney Ryan, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

C.J. has gotten an estimate of approximately \$300 for 100 feet of windscreen for the Tennis Courts. This will be discussed closer to spring.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Coordinator Lisa Easter reported the following:

* Fall Swim Lessons:

Fridays, starting September 27 has 30 children registered. Monday, starting October 7 has 31 children registered.

* How Cool is That?

After School Science class started Friday, September 27th with 6 children participating.

* Holiday in the Depot:

Friday, December 13th. Lisa met with members of the Washington Business Association last week. They are planning on having their raffle again this year and are looking into the possibility of getting the Grinch to visit. Santa has been contacted and will be glad to attend. The Utopia Percherons are also reserved. Washington Montessori Singers will be performing on the Town Hall front steps at the beginning of the evening. The WBA suggested the Commissioners consider the principals of One Green Hill (purchasers of the old Texaco Station) to light the Town Hall Christmas Tree. Several other suggestions were also made and will be discussed further at the November meeting of the Commission.

* Future Planning:

Bus trip to Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty? Baseball trip to Yankee Stadium for Old Timer's Day?? A Babysitter Certification course was suggested by Whitney Ryan. Lisa will contact the Red Cross.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Holiday in the Depot:

See above under Coordinator's Report.

* Town Hall Christmas Tree:

Arbor Services has taken the lights off the tree and trimmed it. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of having the tree professionally strung with lights each year by a professional company – they would replace or repair any lights that are not working during the “season”, take the lights down, and store them. Motion: To approve an expenditure of up to \$3000 to hire a company – for a one year trial – to install lights on the Town Hall Christmas Tree. By Ray Reich, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

C. J. Kersten reported the following:

* Happy 50th Birthday Pam Quist!

* Thank you Scott Anson and Fritz Johnson for donating their time in painting the dugouts at the ball fields.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene, Clerk