



Town of Burlington

Burlington Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of August 3, 2016

Call to Order

Chairman Paul Stawarz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Commissioners Present

Chairman Paul Stawarz, Peter Martin, Bill Parente, DJ Marcoux, Jocelyn Van Buren and Director Tricia Twomey. No Public were present.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting were accepted. (Parente, Marcoux)

Financial Report

The fiscal year documents for the year that ended 6/30/16 are not complete for tonight's meeting. Director Twomey reports that there was a slight overage to the budget due to electricity costs at Nassahegan. This is due to both higher rates and increased usage. It was suggested that we look into replacing the lights on the baseball/softball field to more energy efficient ones, which could include rebates from Eversource.

Summer/Fall Programming

It was a successful camp season at the Foote Rd facility with strong attendance numbers. Swim lesson participation was down slightly possibly due to increased local competition. Season pass numbers for the facility were up and the new online recreation registration system is going well with the expectation for increased usage. The Fall programming offerings will be published by Aug 15th, which is also the last day that the Foote Rd facility will be open for swimming.

Johnnycake Park Property Discussion

The closing for the property occurred on 7/29/16 and now that the Town of Burlington owns it, the property was added to the town's insurance policies. The First Selectman & Director Twomey are working on an RFP which will be published looking to hire a landscape architect for the project. Public focus group meetings are being planned to obtain resident input for the project. Also applications will soon be available for residents to apply for a Design Committee to assist the landscape architect and the Parks & Recreation Commission with the Passive & Active features of the park. Chairman Stawarz recommended that a Fall event be planned at Johnnycake to introduce our community to the property. Director Twomey suggested that the annual Spooktacular event be moved there and could be expanded to include a hay ride or a guided walking tour of the property.

Other Business

Commissioner Marcoux relayed a request from the BJSA board that the Town consider installing a kickboard at the Malerbo soccer complex. It was suggested that this could be a good opportunity for an Eagle Scout project and/or BJSA could contribute to fund the project.



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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm(Parente, Cook)

Respectfully Submitted,

DJ Marcoux