

Lanesborough Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
From October 20, 2014

Members Present: Tim Sorrell, Marc Bellora, Buster Kozier, Dorreen Voller, Bob Bufis & Rick Paris

Tim Sorrell called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

No minutes were recorded from the last meeting since we did not have a quorum. No minutes were approved.

- Tim Sorrell reviewed the Expense Control Report. It was noted that the Committee received \$200 from the Berkshire Adult Baseball league and this money was deposited into the revolving fund.
- Tim Sorrell read a letter that the committee received from Lanesborough residents regarding the proposed utilization of the Bridge St. park as a dog park. A number of concerns were raised by Board members including but not limited to health and safety of kids utilizing the park at the same time, as well as combining the mixed uses of kids, sports, and dogs. A motion was made and carried to Decline the proposal to utilize the Bridge St. park as a dog park.
- Rick Paris provided an update on status of batting cage and dugouts at Laston field
- Dorreen Voller provided an update on dugouts and fences for softball at Laston field as well
- Tim Sorrell introduced Shannon Carlson as the new director for the Soccer program. Shannon intends to reach out to neighboring communities to arrange for games and hopefully a more competitive league. With this, an increase in fees for participants may be required due to the need for referees, etc. Buster Kozier suggested we "grow our own referees" through a program he is familiar with. Shannon is optimistic about growing this program
- Tim Sorrell indicated that all Directors should have their budgets completed by December/January time frame for submittal to Selectman for the town budget. Tim recommended that the Board consider increasing line items for 2015-2016 in field maintenance and park maintenance. It was noted that the park maintenance line item for \$5300 had not been increased in 5 years.
- Marc Bellora recommended that we include (1) time capital expense items such as trash receptacles in this year's budget.
- Tim Sorrell suggested that Directors also make recommendations for (1) time expenditures to park and rec committee for their respective programs
- Tim Sorrell recommended that we recommend to the Selectman a sign be placed at the Pontoosuc town beach which would indicate no lifeguard on duty for liability purposes. He also recommended that we request an increase for maintenance of this park in next year's budget.
- Tim Sorrell suggested that the Board send a letter to the Selectman asking for clarification regarding the roles and responsibilities of the park and recreation committee. Tim Sorrell indicated he would send an email to the Selectman re: same.
- The committee reviewed the Laston Park Committee bylaws. The committee felt there was redundancy between the Laston park committee and park and rec committee.

Next Meeting Date was set for December 1, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marc Bellora

Approved  
12/1/14  
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