

Weathersfield Parks & Recreation Commission
Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023
1879 Schoolhouse, 1862 Route 106

Board members present: Ray Stapleton, Olivia Savage, Nichole Gagnon, Amy Beth Main and Julia Gumbart

Board members absent: none

Public present: Mark Richardson, Brian Bosenberg

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM.

Ray made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 4/12/23. Olivia seconded. All in favor.

Comments from Public

Mark relayed information about a volunteer opportunity at the Covered Bridge Half Marathon to fundraise money for Parks & Rec.

Olivia noted that the Weathersfield Garden Club would like to install gardens at the 1879 schoolhouse, but would need an outdoor spigot to do so. Olivia made a motion to have an exterior spigot installed using money from the reserve fund, not to exceed \$350. Amy Beth seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

SoVerA Observatory Donation Discussion

Amy Beth made a motion to move forward with the donation of an observatory for Hoisington Field. Julia seconded. Mark noted that the library will maintain the observatory and telescope, have an architect make sure the building is sound, and help with funding. All in favor.

Bench for the Ascutney Green Donation Discussion

Amy Beth made a motion to accept the donation of a memorial bench in honor of Cookie Shand from the Ascutney Union Church to be placed in the Ascutney Green. Nichole seconded. Nichole asked if the bench already present at the Green is a memorial. Nobody was sure, but it was agreed that if it is, it will be kept. All in favor.

Hoisington Field ARPA Discussion

Brian sent out 10 requests for cost estimates to have a survey and wetland delineation done on the property, and from the quotes he has received so far, believes both could be done for under \$10,000. This could increase if more permits are needed. Brian has also been working on reducing the scope and budgeting numbers for a master plan. Brian also researched into the deed

and found that it is clear, and that all rights were released from the school to the park. The board thanked Brian for all of his work. Ray suggested that a Hoisington Field Development Task Force be created.

Fishing Derby Discussion

Olivia posted the link to registration and flyer on the town website. Julia will post on Front Porch Forum. Ray said that the Rotary Club is all set for providing food. Mark said that the library will help with parking.

Festival Discussion

Windsor Parks & Rec has donated the use of a bouncy house for the day. Nichole and Olivia gave an update on their work contacting vendors and creating marketing materials. Tasks were delegated out to be completed by the next meeting.

Nichole motioned to adjourn at 8:13 PM, seconded by Julia.

Next meeting will be a special meeting on Wednesday, May 24th, at 6:30 PM at the 1879 Schoolhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Gumbart

Approved on: _____ by: _____