

Parks & Recreation Commission

Minutes from October 6, 2021

Committee Members Present: Nicole Gagnon, Joseph Bublat, Ray Stapleton, Olivia Savage and Cathy Vollmann

Others Present: Brandon Gulnick, Ryan Gumbart, Natalie Whitney, Darrin Spaulding

1) **Meeting Called to order** at 6:02pm and adjourned at 8:03pm

2) **Comments from the public on topics not on the agenda**

3) **Approval of Minutes for August 25, 2021**

Motion: To approve the minutes with adjustment to delete the word easter form egg hunt.

Made by: Joseph Bublat **Second:** Ray Stapleton

Vote: Unanimous in favor

4) **Picnic Table Donated**

Natalie Whitney will donate a picnic table in the spring of 2022 for the green in Perkinsville. Parks and Rec thanks Natalie for this generous donation and we will maintain the table.

It was suggested we make a to do list of items like picnic tables, portable toilets, and other items on lands that Parks and Rec oversees to make sure we don't forget, miss anything to maintain and store for winter.

5) **Tree Warden**

Ryan Gumbart is the tree warden for town. Would we support the creation of a "Shade Tree Plan" which consist of compiling information on the important trees managed by the town. It would outline how they should be monitored ant treated for various things like disease, safety, drought, and insects. This sounds like a great idea also an inventory and record of location of memorial trees needs to be created and maintained. Ryan also spoke about the emerald ash borer problem and there are some trees that need to be addressed. The trees in the Perkinsville Green need maintenance as well as dirt need to be added to the green. The roots of the trees are becoming exposed.

6) **Hoisington Field**

The slide has been approved to be replaced and installed.

We need write a letter with the Hoisington Field Committee to ask for funds to hire an engineer to create a plan. Submitting a plan for a grant gives us a better chance to receive the funds.

7) Future Events

a. Trunk or Treat

Nicole will be participating in the Trunk or Treat on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Motion: approving the expense of up to \$100 to purchase candy for the Trunk & Treat.

Made by: Ray Stapelton

Second: Joseph Bublat

Vote: Unanimous in favor

b. Parade 2022

Natalie Whitney and Darrin Spaulding have always organized the parade and stated that they always try to work around the other towns when they had their parades. The week before fourth of July usually works well. We would like to help with the parade. We can help with advertising and create a committee to plan a community cookout where the parade ends.

c. Fishing Derby

A location has been booked. Thanks to the Bunnell's, who have given us permission to use their pond for the derby. This is where the fishing derby use to take place. We should plan June 2022 for the derby.

8) Music Series Recap

If we participate in a music series next year, it should be a shorter time period. From July 4th to Labor Day. We should have a contract next time of what all is involved and cost. We would like to see a final report about attendance, cost, weather and other items.

9) Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Parks and Recreation Commission to establish and maintain resources that provide recreation, community gathering, and natural educational opportunities to residents of all ages within the Town.

Motion: to accept this as our mission statement

Made by: Joseph Bublat

Second: Olivia Savage

Vote: Unanimous in favor

10) Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedures

A draft of Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedures was handed out. Most is good there are some typos that need correcting in II. a) and III d). Some rewording needs to be done in section VI. Another draft will be presented at the next meeting.

11)Any other business that can be legally discussed

The Town website is being revamped and updated. The ideas of the layout of chicklets connecting you to all the activities and recreational spots in town sounds good. Having a map with a pin on locations and brief description would be great as well. It was suggested we have a photo contest. Pictures of town be submitted for the website and social media; prizes will be given. Any other ideas of the website email Olivia.

Motion: appoint a committee for the photo contest, Joseph Bublat and Olivia Savage

Made by: Ray Stapleton **Second:** Cathy Vollmann

Vote: Unanimous in favor

12)Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn

Made by: Ray Stapleton **Second:** Cathy Vollmann

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Next meeting Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00PM