

Parks and Recreation Committee

August 26, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Hoydick, Ms. Antezzo, Mr. Salerno, Mr. O'Brien, Councilman Poisson

Members Absent: Mr. Stelmack, Mr. Kadeem, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Jaekle

Others Present: P. Patusky, Recreation Superintendent, Chad Esposito, Parks Superintendent, Councilwoman Philips

Call to Order: Chairman Hoydick called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of April 22nd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salerno. The motion carried unanimously.

Projects and Reports

- a. **In-line skating** – Ms. Patusky reported monies are in CIP for fiscal year 2017. Committee members discussed potential location.
- b. **5-Year Plan** – Ms. Patusky has sent Mr. McCarthy a list of all parks for consultation.

Continuing Items

- a. **Frank DeLuca Field** – Mr. Esposito reported softball finals are this evening. Pop Warner will be using field Friday for their Jamboree.
- b. **Short Beach** – Mr. Esposito reported irrigation system will go to RFP for a consultant. Aeration is set for the Fall. Restaurant is in the works. Second Hill Lane field will be going out to bid. Bocci field opened last Wednesday. No commitment on mini-golf as of this date. Committee members discussed irrigation project.
- c. **Boothe Park** – Councilwomen Philips brought requests from the Boothe Park Commission – 1) trim or remove large willow tree 2) Observation Club would like large trees cut or trimmed 3) Picnic benches in poor shape – fix or replace 4) Sunken gardens need masonry work 5) Need bathrooms opened or port-o-potty installation. Mr. Esposito noted monies for benches may have to be included in CIP – he will get price to

install port-o-potties in upper level. It was noted that the Railroad Club project will be completed in the fall of 2016. Committee members discussed Boothe and Short Beach pavilions.

- d. **Maximize Use of School Facilities** – No Report
- e. **Tennis Courts, Platform Tennis and Pickle Ball** – Mr. Esposito reported significant amount of money is needed for Short Beach courts.
- f. **Athletic Fields** – Mr. Esposito reported backstops have been removed at Longbrook, Second Hill Lane and Bunnell – field lining in progress. Mr. O’Brien has been in touch with Urban Soccer Program – will have more information for next meeting. Committee members discussed Wilcoxsin field and Clover and Wooster sprinkler problems. Ms. Philips questioned the installation of lighting at Johnson – Mr. Esposito will get quote.
- g. **Longbrook Park** –
 - 1. **Cell Tower** – Mr. O’Brien made a motion to strike this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salerno. The motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. **Groomer** – Mr. Esposito noted this will be going out to bid.

Committee members discussed netting to stop foul balls at Longbrook Park, vandalism of the scoreboard and litter at the field. Discussed ice rink at Longbrook Park. Splash Park at Longbrook doing well – hrs. 8a.m-7p.m.
- h. **Roosevelt Forest** – Mr. Esposito reported people have been requesting use for events – at present permits have only been issued for camping.
- i. **Youth Soccer Field U-12** – No Report

Old Business

- 1. **Smoke free beaches, parks and fields** – No Report

New Business –

- 1. Memorial for Larry Miller** – Chairman Hoydick has not heard anything on the progress. Members discussed location.
- 2. South End Splash Park** - Councilwoman Philips distributed and reviewed information for the splash park in the south end. Reviewed cost and funding. She also distributed Google Map and reviewed request by Burns Construction Company which is willing to work in conjunction with the Town for the splash park project. Committee members discussed bathroom and changing facilities for the park.
 - a. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to add this item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salerno. The motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment – Seeing no other business to discuss, Mr. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salerno. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Gail De Cilio