

Park Commission Minutes 06/29/2017

Minutes of Park Commission Meeting

Held on Thursday, June 29, 2017

Recreation Office, Town Hall at 6:30pm

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Mr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Members present were Mr. Chaves. Also present, Mr. Santos and Mr. Hannon.

2. Minutes to Approve:

A. Public Session – June 2, 2017

Mr. Bowen motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:

A. None

4. Personnel:

A. Park Commission to consider Summer 2017: Part-Time Seasonal Staff Recommendations

Mr. Bowen motioned to accept and approve the recommendations for part-time, seasonal staff as presented, to be sent the Board of Selectmen for confirmation, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

5. Director's Report:

A. Mr. Santos distributed playground inspection reports and highlighted some report findings for the Park Commission. Mr. Santos suggested that once the Park Commission review each report, that a more in depth discussion take place. Discussion followed.

Mr. Chaves motioned to 1. Allocate existing funds from this project to make the necessary repairs to the Mulready, Farley, Forest Ave, Hubert and Cellucci playgrounds to meet current safety standards to be complete by the fall of 2017 and 2. Send a work order to DPW requesting the removal of playground apparatus and/or complete playgrounds at Sauta Fields, Moulton Field, Tripps Pond, Cherry St Field, Riverside Park and Wood Park based on the hazard priority rankings in the report findings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

B. Mr. Santos provided the Park Commission with a plan developed by Hancock Associates (for the Hudson Youth Soccer Association), specific to the future renovation of the parking lot at the Sauta Cornfield and the construction of a crosswalk, sidewalk and footpath allowing for pedestrian access between the Sauta Cornfield (Brook Street) and Sauta Complex (Main Street). Mr. Santos stated that the current number of parking spaces at the Cornfield did not adequately meet the needs of the programs that use the facility. Mr. Santos stated that the parking lot renovation would add much needed parking and could resolve the existing parking issues they are facing. Mr. Santos stated that HYSA would be applying for use of CPC funds in the near future to complete this project. Discussion followed. Mr. Chaves and Mr. Bowen stated that they were supportive of the parking lot renovation. However, at this time they did not support the construction and installation of the cross walk, sidewalk and footpath connecting both properties. Mr. Chaves stated that this particular phase of the proposed project should be considered in the future when the Commission performs a formal parks and facilities needs assessment.

6. Communications and/or Correspondence to be noted by Commissioners:

A. Park Commission reviewed an email received from Mr. Lenox regarding the lack of outdoor basketball court(s) in Hudson. Discussion followed. Mr. Chaves requested that Mr. Santos email Mr. Lenox to let him know that the Park Commission would take his request under advisement and that it would be considered as part of a formal parks and facilities needs assessment to be completed by the Park Commission in the near future.

7. Old Business:

A. None

8. New Business:

A. None

Announcements/Adjournment:

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

Motion to Adopt: Mr. Wood

Second: Mr. Bowen

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

Date: August 1, 2017