

## WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

October 5, 2017 7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Blake, Gary Flynn, Dave Castagnetti, Jeffrey Legendre, Jim Pedone (chair)

Members Absent: none

Guests: Vernon "Butch" Jackson (DPW Director), Chris Rucho

### Approval of Minutes - none

### Treasure's Report

	FIELD	RECREATION	PRIDE PARK	FERT/PEST
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 10,118.23	\$ 2,079.09	\$ 2,036.37	\$ 6,298.00
BILLS PAID	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TO BE PAID	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEPOSITS MADE	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----
TO BE DEPOSITED	\$ 4654.00	0.00	0.00	-----

### Community Input - none

### Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

Jim received a request from Quinsigamond Community College (John Milewski) for use of the Sr. Baseball Field for practices in October. Jim noted that QCC needed to use the field the following day and he did not have time to bring the request to the board. Jim explained that the field was not being used, QCC was not requiring any services and that he approved the use without any usage fee.

### Parks and Recreation Programs

Hollie Lucht began as Recreation Director's on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim is working on getting her a laptop and phone.

### Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

- Storage Units – will be taken care of by snowfall. Steve suggested looking at a metal building, instead of the storage containers.
- Woodland MVA – will remove shrubs (between entrances) per vote from last meeting.
- Stairs at Woodland Park - Complete
- Goodale St. Well - has been piped in, but is not turning on. Steve noted that the wiring needs to be checked, to see if the problem is electrical or if it is an issue with the pump.
- Basketball Court Poles need painting – no progress
- Goal Posts – they spin, Butch will look into.
- Park walk-thru items
  - End post cap on fence B field entrance to football field. Complete
  - Handicap signs – complete
  - Signs – Steve will work on
- Other outstanding items
  - Fertilizer/aerating – Tim is finishing up this week. Over-seeding to be done next.
  - Well – see above
  - Pride Park mulch- was ordered and put down. Dave noted that the playground should be inspected regularly.
  - Center net at Goodale- will be addressed
  - Nose / center common – has been addressed.
  - Stairs at AP Field – Butch will look into
  - Softball field gate – was straightened. Dave stated that if it is still bent, a new pole should go in and that the chain should be removed and a gate installed. Butch will look into this.
  - Stairs to concession stand at AP Field – Jeff pointed out that the need to be inspected and repaired.

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- Personnel matters – Butch will discuss seasonal employment matters with Town Administrator. Butch stated that the Parks staff is not being pulled off of Parks, unless it is an emergency. Steve noted that he is not in agreement with that and believes that they are being pulled off more often. Dave questioned who is going to be responsible for the up keep of the police station and Mixer (in the future). Dave stated that the Parks do not look good and the work can not be handled by two people. Butch stated that the parks do look good and none of this is backed-up by facts and then abruptly left the meeting. Dave reiterated that the town/fields look bad and that the board should not have to be telling Butch what needs to be done. Jim stated that he is not disagreeing with any of Dave's points and asked how the board should move forward. Dave stated that some sort of order needs to be restored to the DPW and that more workers are needed to take care of the needs, instead of just putting fires out. Jim will send an email to Chris Rucho regarding the matters.

#### Old Business

- Open Space & Recreation Master Plan – in progress
- Project List - \$35,000 funding request article on the fall meeting warrant to resurface the Goodale basketball courts and seal coating.
- Concession stand at AP field – Steve working on getting a quote from another contractor. Jim asked if it could wait another year. Steve noted that the roof needs to be addressed.

#### New Business

- Court lights
  - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
  - Motion Description: Lights of Mon-Thu, on until 8:00 Fri, Sat & Sun thru Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Motion Seconded: Jeff Legendre
  - Motion Discussion: Tennis courts to be discussed at next meeting.
  - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

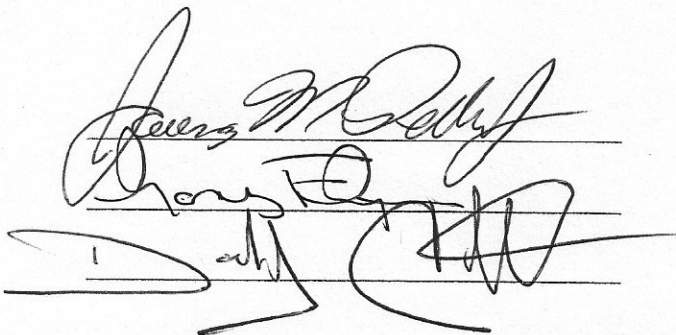
#### Committee Updates / PFC, Open Space, Rules & Fees

- PFC – no updates
- Open Space – no updates

#### Members Requests – none

**Next Meetings:** Novemer 6<sup>th</sup> and December 4th

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 8:30
- Motion Seconded: Dave Castagnetti
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**



Steve Blake  
Jeff Legendre  
DATE: 12/4/17