

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

February 8, 2021 7:15 PM (zoom meeting)

Members Present: Andrea Allen, Steve Blake, Gary Flynn, Jim Pedone (chair), Paul Scally
Members Absent:

Guests: Chris Rucho, Jason Vitko

Jim opened the meeting by reading the Governor's statement regarding holding virtual meeting during the Covid-19 pandemic and explained that votes need to be done with a roll-call.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion Originator: Paul Scally
- Motion Description: Approve December 7, 2020 minutes
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Treasurer's Report

FIELD	RECREATION	PRIDE PARK	DPW/PRIDE PARK	DPW/PARKS	FY20 FERTILIZER
\$ 14,808.61	\$ 50.45	\$ 536.37	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,501.62.38	\$9,360.58

A payment to Franklin Paint was reclass and \$832.50 was credited to the DPW/Parks account. Pam Bjorklund (town resident) recently passed away and memorial donations may be made in Pam's memory to the Town of West Boylston Recreation Department.

Community Input - none

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

WB Softball has submitted their request for use of the softball field Apr 1-Jun 30 / M-F after 6PM and Sat & Sun noon to dark.

- Motion Originator: Paul Scally
- Motion Description: Approve WB Softball's request as submitted.
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

The Athletic Director (Todd Smith) has submitted the high school's field requests

- AP & practice fields / football- Feb 22-Apr 23 / M-F 2:30-6 (practice) & Sun 9-12 (games TBD)
- Sr. baseball field / Apr 25-Jul 2 / M-F 2:30-6 & Sun 9-1
- Tennis courts / Apr 25-Jul 2 / M-F 2:30-5:30 (matches may run past) & Sat noon-2
- AP field & track / Apr 25-Jul 2 / M-F 2:30-5
- Softball & "B" fields / Apr 25-Jul 2 / M-F 2:30-4:30 & Sun 9-noon

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve the high school's requests as submitted.
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
- Motion Discussion: Jim has spoken with Gary Kellaher about possibly clearing the snow from the AP and practice fields.
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

- Swing gate & Knox lock – **Fire Dept to taken care of ordering.**
- Sr. Baseball field irrigation – pending.
- Fence/netting maintenance – on going.
- Home plate and bases at all fields – to be addressed in the spring.
- Infield maintenance – to be done in the spring.

- A&B fields/pitchers' mounds & base paths – to be done in the spring.
- Irrigation system repairs - Zone at A & B – work to be done in the spring.
- Soccer goals – **Steve reported that they have been repaired.**
- New items for DPW/Parks

New Business

Old Business

- PFC Projects/Mixer & Woodland – PFC has not met yet.
- Recreation Director – Andrea, Paul and one resident met and have narrowed down the applicants to four. Andrea posed the question as whether filling the position is viable at this point, with it being winter and the current status of the covid-19 pandemic.
 - Motion Originator: Andrea Allen
 - Motion Description: To delay the hiring process for the Recreation Director's position until the kids are vaccinated.
 - Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
 - Motion Discussion: Andrea questioned what kind of data would the board need to look at for a guide – the school, community infection rate? Jim asked if the candidates would still be viable at a later date, would the position need to be reposted? Jim suggested that the motion not include vaccination, but to be evaluated month to month and to keep in mind that there would need to be a ramp period.
 - **Andrea withdrew the motion**
 - Motion Originator: Andrea Allen
 - Motion Description: to contact the applicants, informing them the search process is being put on hold for now and will be discussed at the board's March meeting.
 - Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
- Jim will send an email to the four applicants.
- Trees at Pride Park – to be done in the spring.
- AP field concession stand – J&K Roofing supplied Paul with a total price. Paul has requested a more detailed quote with the pricing itemized. Steve noted that prevailing wage would apply if individuals were to work with him. Paul will work on getting another quote or two.
- Sr. Baseball field dugouts – still need to find someone to do the work.
- Walmart grants – requests have been submitted to Walmart.

Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space

- Parks Facility Committee – has not met.
- Open Space Committee – no update.
- CPC – is meeting on Feb 22nd, regarding the fund request for Pride Park.




Members Requests

- Steve – Jason Vitko would like to do some work on "A&B" fields. It would need to be run by Gary Kellaheer
- Gary – asked advertising banners being used at Goodale Park. Steve has checked the deed and did not see any wording that would not allow advertising signs/banners.
- Steve – the practice field was damaged by a 4-wheel truck. Steve would like to fence-in the field. He will get a quote to have it done.

- Steve - the lights for the courts and the AP field are close to being completely installed.
- Steve - would like Gary Kellaher to look into the purchase of a new lawn mower. Jim will speak with Gary.
- Steve - batteries are needed for the golf carts and they should be registered, so they can be driven on the road. Jim does not think that the registration will happen, but he will try.
- Steve - asked if anything is going to be done about the courts at Woodland? Jim noted that Mixer needs to be addressed first.
- Steve - asked about the fund request for the purchase of an aerator. Jim will check into the status of the warrant article.
- Steve - has quote from Harrel's for the 2021 turf maintenance plan, which is slightly higher than last year. Gary requested that soil samples be done this year.

Next Meetings: March 9, 2021 7:00 via zoom

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 8:09
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**




DATE: 8/17/21