

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

April 6, 2021 7:00PM (zoom meeting)

Members Present: Steve Blake, Gary Flynn, Jim Pedone (chair), Paul Scally (7:08)

Members Absent: Andrea Allen

Guests: Todd Smith, Chris Rucho, Rachel Brown, Patrick Brown

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: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve February 8, 2021 minutes
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Treasurer's Report

FIELD revolving	RECREATION revolving	PRIDE PARK revolving	RECREATION appropriation	PRIDE PARK FY2021	DPW/PARKS FY2021	FERTILIZER FY2021
\$14,808.61	\$1,195.45	\$536.37	\$30,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,128.6	\$9,360.58

A \$900 (WB Youth Softball) deposit into the field account is not reflected in the balance. There is a check for \$500 from the Walmart grant to be deposited.

Community Input

The Town Administrator is working with the Collins Center and O'Brien & Sons on a plan to bring Pride Parks to ADA compliance.

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: to allow Jim to complete and submit funding request form to the Community Preservation Committee, once the plan is received from O'Brien & Sons.
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: Rachel Brown asked if there would be an opportunity for community input and if the plan would be reviewed by any additional vendors. Jim stated that he is not 100% sure of the process before hiring a particular vendor and therefore was unable to answer that question. He did note that all of the community input that has been provided has been passed on to O'Brien & Sons. The goal is to have a plan that meets the needs she is asking for; in a way the town will approve.
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

The Central Mass Spartans (Todd Smith) has requested use of the Townsend on Apr 8 & 15 / 9:00am to 1:00pm and the Sr. Baseball field on Apr 10, 11, 17, 24 & 25 / 9:00am to 1:00pm.

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve Spartan's usage request as submitted.
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: Todd asked for a fee reduction, based on the number of kids from town.
- Motion amended: Steve Blake - with a fee of \$350.00
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

The elementary school (Lea Roberts) has requested the blacktop area of Pride Park on May 26 for an art show (May 27 rain date).

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

The Council on Aging (Carol Adams) has requested the tennis courts Mon-Fri 9-11am for pickleball.

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve the Council on Aging request as submitted.
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: Can use all three of the courts, but if someone arrives to play tennis, they will have to give up use of one court.
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Central Mass Yoga & Wellness (Lucy Cimini) has requested use of the town common to hold yoga classes on three dates at 9:30am / Jun 23, Jul 21 and Aug 18

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve the Central Mass Yoga request as submitted and with a request for a donation.
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

- Sr. Baseball field irrigation – pending – *Steve has asked for a date when the work will be done.*
- Fence/netting maintenance – on going.
- A&B fields/pitchers' mounds & base paths – *work is completed.*
- Home plate and bases at all fields – *"A&B" are done, softball and Sr. baseball are not.*
- Infield maintenance – *on going.*
- Irrigation system repairs - Zone at A & B – *work should be done this week or next. The broken head on zone 1 has been repaired.*
- Additional items for DPW/Parks
 - *Steve – tire swing at Pride Park needs to be repaired.*
 - *Steve – has price of \$37,000 from Patriot for fencing at the practice field. Checking into rocks or old light poles to be used as a barrier. Steve will get a quote from Patriot for two access gates.*
 - *The fence that the Little League has requested for the Townsend Field will not provide the protection. Jim will check with Jason Vitko about alternative solutions.*

Old Business

- PFC Projects/Mixer & Woodland – Jim met with Pat Inderwish and the Town Administrator and the PFC will proceed with the Mixer project.
- Recreation Director – individual is ready to be hired.
- AP field concession stand – Paul has been unable to get any additional quoted. Gary will ask Val Pruneau to quote the job.
- Sr. Baseball field dugouts – still need to find someone to do the work.

Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space

- Parks Facility Committee – no update.
- Open Space Committee – no update.
- CPC – no update

Members Requests

- Jim - has submitted a request for a warrant article for funds to purchase an aerator.
- Steve - obtained quotes on port-a-toilets. CPP (Cove) was the least expensive / \$72 for a regular unit and \$97.00 for a handicap. They will be cleaned twice a week, due to covid.

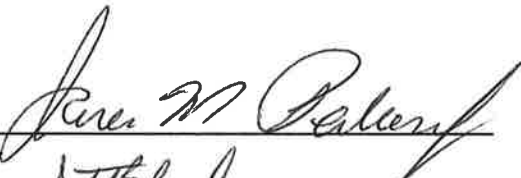
- Motion Originator: Paul Scally
- Motion Description: to utilize CPP for the port-a-toilet services for 2021.
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

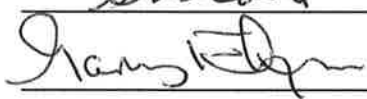
Steve will have the toilets delivered this week.

- Steve - goal at Woodland has not been repaired. Needs to be done or swapped out before Saturday. Paul will see if he it can be grind down or he will swap the goal out if the need be.


Next Meetings: May 4, 2021 7:00 via zoom

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 8:12
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**



Steve Blake


Gary Flynn



Paul Scally
DATE: 04-05-2022