

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

August 17, 2021 7:02 PM

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

Guests: Sharon Emond, Todd Smith, Chris Rucho

Approval of Minutes

- Motion Originator: Gary Flynn
- Motion Description: Approve May 4, 2021 minutes
- Motion Seconded: Andrea Allen
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approve**

Treasurer's Report

FIELD revolving	RECREATION revolving	PRIDE PARK revolving	RECREATION appropriation	PRIDE PARK FY2021	DPW/PARKS FY2021	FERTILIZER FY2021
\$16,224.91	\$2,021.34	\$536.37	\$26,415.00	\$2,000.00	\$27,784.11	\$14,600.00

Community Input- none

Recreation Director

Sharon provided the board with programs and events she is offering – social media safety (with police dept.), paint nights (adult and family), pickle ball (not enough interest for a league), free basketball (for certain age group, low turn-outs), photo contest for calendar, ½-day school play, and babysitter course. Sharon spoke about the process of having an individual work being cumbersome. The individual is considered an employee and has to go thru the employment hiring process.

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

- **High/Middle School permits**

Special requests: use of all-purpose field for try-outs, varsity football game prep, and one practice per week for varsity soccer (both girls & boys). This would mean the field will be used every day and will require watching for wear and tear and use of discretion when the field is wet. The football team would like to rent a storage container and put next to the other two.

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve the **school's fall sports** requests as submitted.
- Motion Seconded: Andrea Allen
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

- Motion Originator: Andrea Allen
- Motion Description: Approve the **Major Edwards PTA's** request for use of the track on August 25th as submitted.
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

- **Arteca's Karate Academy** – use of Woodland on Sept 19th, has not submitted a request yet.

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

Have not received input on current statuses. Steve reported that they are currently short-handed.

- "B" field – trench behind outfield fence needs to be loomed and seeded – not done.
- Sr. Baseball field irrigation – pending.
- Fence/netting maintenance– on going.
- Additional items – discussed later in the meeting.

New Business – none

Old Business

- Soccer goals – were scheduled to ship the end of July. They are now on backorder until Oct.
- PFC Projects/Mixer – interviewing (next Monday) one of the three which responded to the RFP.
- Pride Park – have developed a phased plan. The vendor's quote does not include labor, waiting on response from DPW regarding them doing prep work. The pour-in-place surface needs to be done before November. Steve noted that the drainage from the courts runs under the playground and may be collapsed.
- Trees for Pride Park - *include in plan for Pride Park*
- AP field concession stand – Steve obtained two quotes – roof /\$2,300 and siding/\$4,300.
 - Motion Originator: Andrea Allen
 - Motion Description: Approve \$2,300 for roofing of the AP concession stand.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Discussed waiting another year to do the siding and whether CPA funds could be used.

- Sr. Baseball field dugouts – nothing new to report, still need to find someone to do work.

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items (continued)

- Additional items
 - o Rain gauges – four or five of them have been installed.
 - o Netting for backstop at sr. baseball field – Steve has spoken with the Light Department about putting the poles and netting up.
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: Approve \$2,000 (estimate) to purchase of poles and netting.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
 - o Score boards and controllers – new controller (\$365.00) has been received. The board for the sr. baseball field is not working properly. The board for the AP field needs to be checked.
 - o Batteries for golf cart – have been purchased, but not installed. An electrical drop needs to be installed at one of the trailers for a charging station.
 - o Road from pool to concession stand – the DPW is going to work on smoothing it out.
 - o New mower – there is a problem with the catcher.

Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space

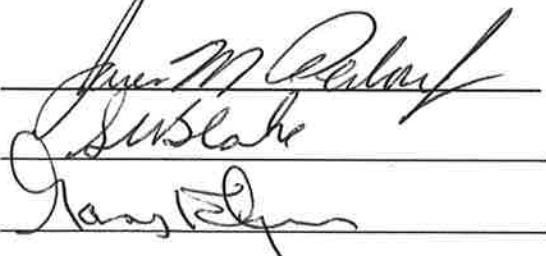
- Parks Facility Committee – working on the Mixer project
- Open Space Committee – has met, but nothing new to report
- CPC – no update

Members Requests

- Storage shed – Jim – request CPA funds to purchase a prebuilt storage unit for the softball field. Jim will work on this.

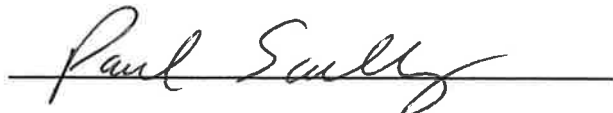
Next Meetings: Sept 14, 2021 7:00PM

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 8:13
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**



Steve Blake

Gary Flynn



Paul Scally

DATE: 04-05-2022