

Grantham Recreation Park Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Grantham Town Building
Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room
300 Route 10 South

Minutes

Attendees: Marsha Googins, Warren Kimball, Becky Newton, Matt Carl, Todd Cartier, Rick Anderson, Heather Grohbrugge, Rachel Grohbrugge and Shelby Hanks

Correspondence from Boy scout representative James Gouin, from Sunapee for group out of Concord, inquiry of use of park for directors meeting and possible boy scout functions this summer. Would need clarity on porta potties, tenting, gas grills and carry in/carry out policy. Marsha will communicate with representative and plan accordingly.

Correspondence with Junior Girl Scouts Rachel Grohbrugge and Shelby Hanks who are hoping to achieve the Bronze Award. This award is a community oriented award and the girls presented a proposal to plant shade trees and a perennial garden at the paver garden at the Rec. park next to the playground. The girls displayed a diagram and explained how the funds would be raised to complete the project. The criteria for this project is to raise the money themselves, which the girls accomplished 75% of this through a yard sale and met with a local landscaper to plan out and complete the proper installation of the trees and plantings. The committee wholeheartedly accepted their proposal and offered the help of groundskeeper Glen Carey if needed. Additional funds of \$100.00 will be needed to complete final plantings which the committee agreed to support. The girls, with the help of the landscaper will help maintain the garden for the first phase so the trees will sustain the transition.

Old Business:

Follow up on parking situation for playground. Residents had been using the landowner's driveway to access the playground and efforts have been made by landowner Jess Duryee and town to alleviate this trespass. There is a consideration of having town police monitor the traffic at park for this purpose.

Field parking seems to be doing well. The larger fields were roped off to keep residents from getting stuck in softer areas of the field.

Becky announced that a double door notice board will be built and installed at the park. Location was discussed and agreed that it should be near the power pole or white barn near the edge of right field for good visibility. This board will include current games schedules and park policies.

Discussion was brought by Marsha Googins to revisit the idea of a fence of some kind in the outfield of baseball field. Rick Anderson recommended some type of a collapsible fence. This will be brought forth again next spring for the 2012 baseball season.

The dugout doors were installed by Paul Osgood. A note will be sent to Paul to thank him and to also include the concrete work done for the dugouts.

Dugouts were stained by a group from Cardigan Mountain. They also completed field work at the park and at GVS. All that remains is trim work and dugout doors to be stained.

Meetings with DES are still ongoing to get mitigation issues resolved and permitting in place. The next meeting will be on June 7th at 1:00 PM through a conference call. Those wishing to attend should meet at the Grantham Town Office.

Rick Anderson is looking into options for a mower for the park along with opportunities for dethatching the baseball field.

New Business:

Matt Carl shared that Timken representatives will be in the area in June and will be curious about progress on the soccer field.

An application for use of the park and policies are currently being written. The dugout doors and trim still need to be stained. Marsha will try to get a crew together to finish sometime in the next week or so.

The two week raffle to benefit the park is in the early planning stages with some items available. Raffle will commence on July 4th with the drawing of the Grand prize of a 32 inch flat screen tv. Other items are still needed to complete the two week drawing. Committee members and baseball players will be asked to sell tickets at \$5.00 each or 5/\$20.00. Marsha will design and implement ticket sales and PR work. The hope is to have them ready to sell by June 4th and raffle will begin on June 20th.

Becky Newton explained the new format for the Rec. Park Committee meetings will be managed by the Athletic Director Marsha Googins and agenda items will be sought from Committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.