

Goffstown Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of March 16, 2016

Present: K. Daigle, B. Parkhurst, J. Steckowych, G. Gendron, H. Sobolov, L. Dubois, D. Pierce (BOS), R. Wilhelmi.

Absent: P. Hooker

Meeting began at 7:05 pm

Review of January 20, 2016 Minutes: No February

- **Motion by K. Daigle to accept minutes as written, second by J. Steckowych. Approved 6 - 0**

Review of the January / February / Budget Expenditures:

- **Motion by B. Parkhurst to approve the January / February invoices as presented, Seconded by K. Daigle. Approved 6 - 0**

Directors Report: Facilities - Roy Pool – Installation of two filter pumps by end of March. **Barnard Pool** – N/A . **Rail Trail** – N/A **Athletic Fields - Sarette Complex** – N/A . **Louis St. Baseball Field** – Hillside Landscaping will till in field end of March or first week of April. Granite State Thunder AAU baseball has made their annual usage request. Paper work has been sent out. **Barnard Football Field** –N/A. **Barnard / Pare' Sports Complex** – Town engineers have completed the AOT (alteration of terrain) permit and have submitted to the state. **Parks - Barnard Park** – N/A. **Barnard Track** – N/A. **Roy Park** – DPW crews have removed the mound in front of the pool and applied a finish layer of loam for seeding in the spring. Now that the Town budget has passed, Public works crews will finalize the new playground area. Playground Equipment and installation RFP in process. Roy Pavilion bathrooms – Sewer department ran a camera to determine if the lines are still functional (all good). Doors have been framed, gutting rooms, painting. Get quotes on two handi cap toilets and urinals. **Recreation Building – Equipment / Vehicles - Administration** – Early notification on summer employment – summer playground five out of six returning – Lifeguards eight out of ten returning – Grounds two out of two returning. **Budget / CIP / Impact Fees / Revolving Fund.** **Budget** – 2016 Town Budget passes. **CIP –2016 – (Passes)** Roy Park Improvements I \$120,000.00 / \$60,000.00 CIP and \$60,000.00 Revolving Fund. **Impact Fees:** As of 1/31/16 \$106,383.87 (\$65,000 allocated to phase one of Barnard Pare development). **Programs** - Zumba – Monday night's w/Jenn (29 participants), Wed. Instructor injured. Karate – (18 - 24). Archery – (16). Youth Basketball: Girls leagues finished, Boys leagues end Saturday. Parks and Recreation Girls and Boys Lacrosse registration is under way. Boys U9 (17), Boys U11 (22), Boys U13 (30), Boys U15 (21), Girls U9, Girls U11 (17), Girls U13 (20), Girls U15 (24).

Public Comment

Resident D. Pierce, made the commissioners aware of a parcel of land for sale adjacent to the Recreation building, owned by the late Dr. Bertagnoll (lot 31-20-1). He noted that the heirs of the estate are favorable towards selling the property to the Town; but they also wish to quickly make the sale so the estate can be settled.

The commissioners discussed the opportunities this could bring to the department. The 1.34 acres could add financial value to the overall acreage owned by the town on this one location. It could become a new location for a summer playground, rectangular practice field, Beach front (with a great deal of work and permits).

At this time the commissioners don't have any plans for the use of this parcel, however would be interested in seeing what the BOS would have to say. The group did say the Goffstown Sports Complex is high on the priority list and will stay that way. The commissioner would like to have the Parks and Recreation BOS representative bring this to the greater Board of Selectman for their thoughts.

Chairman of the town's Rails to Trails Committee D. Pierce presented to the commissioners the following question. Would the P & R Commission want to absorb the responsibilities associated with the town's Rails to Trail Committee, such that the committee would be dissolved? It was explained there are no real written guidelines for the activities of the committee. By custom, the committee has functioned as an advisory body to the Board of Selectman for the purposes advancing the development of the Goffstown Rail Trail. The Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail would still take full responsibility of writing all grants for the completion of the project.

The current committee is made up of (2) FGRT Reps, (2) Community Reps, (1) County Commissioner, (1) Police, Dept, (1) Fire Dept., (1) P & R Dept., (1) Admin Dept., (1) PW Dept., and (1) BOS rep.

Commissioners had the following concerns / questions; We are not grant writers, does the financial means now go to the department, How do you keep the trail development and flow of information needed with the police, fire, and public work entities moving forward by taking them out of the committee. Commissioners have asked chairmen of the rails to trails committee to approach each member of the town's current committee to see how they feel about this idea.

Roy Park Playground update – Public works crews have prepared the location for the next phase. Develop four handi cap parking spaces, road up hill, and level and lay out playground surface and grass play area. RFP has been written. Will be submitted to the BOS on Monday 3/28 and publicly submitted thereafter.

Roy Park Pavilion bathroom renovations – Sewer department found the current sewer line intact and good to go. Doorways have been framed. All old equipment and stalls have been removed. Rooms are being painted and final quotes on new ADA toilets are underway.

Program ideas –

Director has been approached by representatives from Alternative Bike to provide bike rentals this spring to fall. This could run very similar to the current contract with Contoocook Canoe and Kayak. Commissioners were in favor of this venture.

YMCA Allard Center and Director have been looking into ways for the YMCA to host/ teach Senior fitness classes. The YMCA would like to run a chair yoga class one hour a week for a seven week time frame. This could be run just like any other contractor providing service for the recreation department. Commissioners were in favor of the idea.

The Goffstown Library and Parks and Recreation will be collaborating efforts in the following ways; April we will hold a Medicare 101 seminar at the Recreation building, The library will develop youth chapter book walk along the rail trail. The commissioners were in favor of this collaboration.

Motion to adjourn business meeting 9:30 pm by B. Parkhurst and seconded by K. Daigle. Approved by all 6 - 0

Next Commission meeting is April 20, 2016 Recreation Building

