

PARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 8, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission was held at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)
John Scippa
Tracy Vonick

Kevin Bellows
Joseph DeSabia

Also,
Dmitri Paris, Park Superintendent

Visitors:
Chris Bowden, Babe Ruth League

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mr. Scippa, unanimously passed to add Babe Ruth League request to our Agenda.

Chris Bowden, 38 Regina Street, on behalf of Babe Ruth League:

Submitted final approvals from Fire Marshal and Building Official for Installed Hood.

Two items remaining, installation of a Mop Sink and E1 Electrician installation and sign-off for a plug and wire which passes to the back of the Suppression System.

MOTION by Mr. Vonick, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed to accept the approvals from the Fire Marshal and Building Official for changes at the Babe Ruth Concession Stand and approval to have an E1 Electrician install the necessary wire and plug to the back of the Suppression System.

MOTION by Mr. DeSabia, second by Mr. Vonick, unanimously passed to add to the Agenda, Election of Officers and setting of 2009 meeting dates.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

From: Fallen Heroes Committee - Final list of their posthumous honorees for next June's Event.

From: Feile, Inc. – Submission of their check in the amount of \$4,000 to cover negotiated repair costs for Indian Ledge Field #1 following June, 2008, annual event.

Chairman reported that he has met with the Director of Public Works and Park Superintendent concerning the preparation of a four-year review of costs to Feile, Inc.. The review will be complete by our January or February meeting for review by the Park Commission as well as Feile, Inc. The Director of Public Works is accumulating cost proposals from each of the Town agencies involved in providing services for the Irish Festival...Police, Fire Company, EMS, Rangers and Parks as well as permit fee. Where possible, the Director of Public Works will include suggestions to utilize private agencies to assist with security, parking, set-up and break-down to lower Feile's anticipated costs to host this event.

The costs comparisons for field rehabilitation prepared by Treelands will be utilized as a basis for anticipated field repair costs. The Park Commission will have opportunity to vote on the projection figures being presented to Feile, Inc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman has attended Board of Finance, and Town Council meetings in support of the transfer of approximately \$18,639 earned interest for the Park Trust Account which is currently accumulating in the Town's general fund. The item continues to be tabled until such time as the Director of Finance can clarify how other communities may handle income from funds dedicated for park purposes.

Discussion centered around spending the corpus of the account in the amount of approximately \$71,000 on one special project and close the account if income can not continue to be accumulated for use by the Park Commission.

Budget Review:

Generally this will be a hold-the-line budget. Wages will change by contract. We will be obligated to include some capital outlay items because of aged equipment/vehicles. We have two new areas for maintenance The Rail Trail and Island Brook fields are both now nearly fully formed and will require maintenance.

Superintendent's Report:

- Thirty percent of our crew are now working on leaf pick-up.
- Worked on lighting the Gazebo for the Holiday Green Lighting...electrical work, garlands and trees.
- We are experiencing significant vandalism along the new rail trail.
- We have checked and Rangers are not authorized to ticket in the Valley.
- Litter remains a problem in the parks and along the trail.

Mr. Scippa reported meeting with Little League. They intend to infuse a sense of responsibility in the policing of the fields for litter before and after games in the up-coming season.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe, Clerical Adm. Asst.

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MOTION to adjourn at 8:45 by Mr. DeSabia, second by Mr. Scippa, unanimously approved.