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Parks Commission

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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes
Adams Town Hall*, 8 Park Street, Adams MA
1st Floor Mahogany Room
Monday, June 12, 2023 5:00pm

Members Present: Chair Jake Schutz, Member Jim Fassell, Member Sarah Pansecchi,

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Aimee Sinopoli, Member Mary Ciuk,

Others Present: Michelle DeRose-Administrative Assistant, Tim Cota – DPW Supervisor, Becky Ferguson-Community Development

Call Meeting to Order: Mr. Schutz called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and stated that the meeting is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes: May 8, 2023; Ms. Pansecchi motioned to approve the minutes as written, Mr. Fassell seconded; All voted Yes unanimously

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Discussion on the use of herbicides surrounding the town fields and rail trail**

Mr. Schutz summarized from the last meeting. Mr. Cota had a meeting with gentleman that runs the DEP for spraying of areas in the communities. A list was provided to Mr. Cota of the chemicals that can be used that is state and EPA approved. The State and EPA have their own standards. Mr. Cota continued that they have not yet come up with a chemical yet and we have a vendor that is able to sell a product to us that is both Massachusetts and EPA approved. He is meeting with the vendor tomorrow and will recommend what product is beneficial to our needs. He continued to say that we have the equipment to spray the material and one staff member licensed to spray. He also said that they weed whack around obstacles such as fences. The herbicides used are primarily for clover in the fields and to help them look pristine. There will be signage placed to inform the public that the product used is safe.

- **Coal & Grain Park Update – Becky Ferguson to comment**

Ms. Ferguson provided an update. A bid came in that we can afford. DF Lang Landscaping of Lenox is set to start work in August and plans to finish in the Fall barring any weather issues. Opening is to be determined depending on finish date, could be late fall or early spring. One part of the design will be an off-leash dog area. Ms. Ferguson thought it may be helpful if the Parks Commission had discussions of a maintenance plan including rules of the park and the dog area. Mr. Fassell asked if there is an example of a maintenance plan from other communities. Ms. Ferguson said she does have some examples and we can use them as a base and create our own. Mr. Schutz asked about the rules of the dogs in other parks. Mrs. DeRose answered that the rule is no dogs on the sport playing field surface, itself and cemeteries. The park name has not been officially created so this could be discussed as well.

Mr. Fassell is concerned about the puddles in the front. Ms. Ferguson said that the Conservation will handle that and there is a plan for it to be drained and dry well put in place.

- **Berkshire Adult Baseball-Alex Williams requested 3rd night game. Games are on June 7, 14, and 29 approved – Michelle DeRose to comment**

Mrs. DeRose shared that a 3rd night game was requested. The original request was just for one game and then they added and second and now a third which has been approved.

For the Good of the Order:

Miss Pansecchi said that Quality St Park is in need of mowing and that Russell field has graffiti on the playground slide and rock wall equipment behind the tennis court as well as trash. John Duquette owns that land behind the tennis courts and the Town does not have jurisdiction on the structures of that land. Mr. Cota will discuss with Town Administrator to see how best this can be handled.

Mr. Fassell feels that the herbicide has been mostly answered from this meeting. There was an incident this week where the step of the bleachers at the Little League park was loose and he notified Mrs. DeRose. About a half hour later, he had gone up and discovered it was fixed quickly. A great response from the Parks Team.

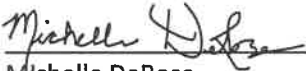
Mr. Cota said that the signage is mandatory regarding notifying the public about the usage of the herbicides. Mr. Cota also clarified that herbicides only work on the leafy vegetation and once the herbicides touch the ground, it has no affect.

Mr. Schutz asked if the soccer lines at Valley St field have ever been moved. Mr. Cota said no, once lines are painted, it stays as is for the season.

Schedule next meeting date: July 10, 2023 has been set however Miss Pansecchi will not be able to attend.

Adjournment: Miss Pansecchi requested motioned to adjourn. Mr. Fassell seconded. All voted Yes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Michelle DeRose
Administrative Assistant

7/18/2023

Date