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Parks Commission

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Approved

Parks Commission Meeting Minutes
Adams Town Hall*, 8 Park Street, Adams MA
1st Floor Mahogany Room
Monday, March 13, 2023 5:00pm

Members Present: Member Sarah Pansecchi, Member Aimee Sinopoli, Member Mary Ciuk

Members Absent: Interim Co-Chair Jake Schutz, Interim Co-Chair Jim Fassell Member

Others Present: Michelle DeRose-Administrative Assistant, Becky Ferguson-Community Development, Monica Carpenter and Sonia DiSanti-Cheshire Youth Center, Corey Bishop-Adams Lassie League, Ken Souza-Berkshire Adult Baseball, Marcus Hass-BART Charter – soccer (on behalf of Matt Greene) and frisbee

Call Meeting to Order: Ms. Ciuk called the meeting to order at 5:02pm and stated that the meeting is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2023; Ms. Ciuk motioned to approve the minutes as written, Mrs. Sinopoli seconded, All voted Yes unanimously

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- **Flagpole at Renfrew Update**

Mrs. DeRose spoke on behalf of Tim Cota. After a visual review, Mr. Cota has determined that the flagpole and flag at Renfrew is visible. At one time, the arborvitae trees were obscuring the flag which had been trimmed down in the summer/fall 2022. No further need to move the flagpole.

New Business:

- **Field Request form: Cheshire Youth Center – Monica Carpenter/Sonia DiSanti; Valley Field; April 2 10am-3pm- Easter Egg Hunt**

Ms. Carpenter would like to repeat the Easter Egg Hunt that they did last year at Valley Field to maintain a presence in Adams. They plan to start set up between 10-11am and the hunt will be from 1-1:30pm with 3 age groups. They will Mrs. DeRose confirmed that the insurance liability forms are current and there is no conflicts using the field at this time and as long as field conditions are okay, they should be good upon final approvals. Mr. Ciuk motioned to recommend the approval of the application, Mrs. Sinopoli seconded. All voted YES unanimously.

- **Field Request Form: Adams Lassie League - Corey Bishop; Russell Field; Apr 1-Aug 31; 2:30pm – dusk weekdays and 8am-dusk on weekends.**

Mr. Bishop indicated that the field use is the same as in past years. Ms. Ciuk inquired about the snow fence. Mr. Bishops said that the league owns the "Homerun" fence and works with the DPW / Parks team when the league puts it up and removes it each season. It is shared with the Hoosac Valley Softball team as well. Mr. Bishop shared some history with the members. The Adams Lassie League has been around for 45 years. Up until about 4-5 years ago, When Adams-Cheshire Softball came in and "cleaned our clock and

basically shut our house program down by taking all the kids away.” Greylock Thunder has been around about 15 years which is their travel program. He works with Lou Moser with ACS Softball and Mike Ameen with Hoosac Valley to work out any field use conflicts. Mr. Bishop mentioned that they were the ones that painted the shed a few years back and that the metal dedication plaque was placed on the shed and is being preserved with plexiglass which should be replaced every 5 years as it gets weather damage. He will look into that. Mrs. DeRose confirmed paperwork and insurance forms are current. There is some field conflict with BART Charter field use requests during the same time frame, however they will be in the outer fields beyond the home run fence that should not interfere. Ms. Ciuk motioned to approve application, Ms. Pansecchi seconded. All voted YES unanimously.

- **Field Request form: Berkshire Adult Baseball – Ken Souza; Renfrew Field; May 7-Aug 13 10am-12:15pm Sundays only**

Mr. Souza has replaced Jeff Boyd’s position in the Adult Baseball. All paperwork and insurance are current. Ms. Ciuk motioned to approve application, Mrs. Sinopoli seconded. All voted YES unanimously.

- **Field Request form: BART Charter Soccer – Matt Greene/Marcus Hass; Russell Field; ASAP – Jun 1; 3:50-5:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays**

Mr. Hass is the interim Athletic Director as JJ Choquette is leaving. He is also the Assistant Principal at BART. Mr. Hass stated that Mr. Greene wants to run this club after school. They will bring their own equipment such as soccer balls and pop up nets in/out. The kids have snack before the program starts so he expects just water bottles which they will remove their trash. The Club Advisor, Mr. Greene will walk the kids to and from the field. Ms. Ciuk brought up concerns about the field since the field was just recently done. Mrs. DeRose confirmed that the grass field is still not fully established and soccer play could be stressful to the field. It was requested that any practice play be rotated around the field so no area gets overworked or damaged. Ms. Ferguson added that when the field is wet, the grass is more prone to damages. The grass seed was just planted in the Fall of 2021 and the 2022 season was very dry. Mr. Hass provided his immediate contact information should DPW/Parks need it. Ms. Ciuk motioned to approve application, Mrs. Sinopoli seconded. All voted YES unanimously.

- **Field Request form: BART Charter Frisbee –Marcus Hass; Russell Field; Mar 20 – mid June; 3:40-5:30pm**

Mrs. DeRose asked Mr. Hass to clarify the days of use as it was not indicated on the application. Mr. Hass believed it to be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. He mentioned that soccer and frisbee will have enough room on the field to run concurrently. Ms. Ciuk motioned to approve application, Mrs. Sinopoli seconded. All voted YES unanimously. Mrs. DeRose provided the process steps for final approvals and they will be notified of the approvals and any conditions discussed. Start time of the field may not be the requested date, it depends on when the DPW/Parks is able to open it for the season.

- **Annual Report Discussion**

Mrs. DeRose explained what she did last year for the 2021 Annual Report was review all the meeting minutes to gather information on the year’s events related to Parks. The big one last year was the Russell Field sign and dedication to the Lions Club for the donation of the sign and lights. The members did not have anything to add.

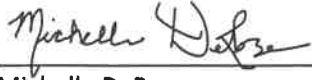
For the Good of the Order:

None.

Schedule next meeting date: April 10, 2023 5:00pm

Adjournment: Ms. Ciuk requested motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Sinopoli seconded. All voted Yes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle DeRose
Administrative Assistant

4/12/2023

Date