

January 22nd, 2020

Clinton Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM

Clinton Parks and Recreation Building

560 High St.

Called to Order: 6:04 PM

Attendance: Chair Jodi Breidel, Secretary Matt Kobus, Commissioners John Baird & Ed Verrier, Director Rosa Kairit, Recreation Coordinator Maya Pagoaga, Facilities Director Russell Karlstad

Administrative:

Review and Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes – **11/20/19**

- Matt motions to accept the minutes as is, John 2nds, all in favor - 4.

Parks & Recreation:

1. **Savage Field Renovation Funding** (Russ Karlstad) - Phase I - Accepted by the town, money is provided based on estimates. Cost went up much higher than was expected, so nothing got finished with \$177K left. Recommends to either say that Phase I is completed and give money back to town or re-engineer the whole project and move onward. Would be ~\$280-320K in total to complete parking lot and walkway properly. (This amount would not include lighting other than in the pavilion). Could also smooth out land and put down gravel on parking lot. This concept would be much cheaper than the first option, but would not last as long.

(It would also be paid by Facilities, only about \$1K). Waiting a month to make a decision would not be harmful, but a decision must be made relatively shortly.

Motion: Matt makes motion to table discussion and decision with regard to Phase I to next meeting. **XXX 2nds**, All in favor - 4.

2. ***Savage Field Lighting Update*** (Russ Karlstad) - Huge expense on lighting.

Russ proposes we hire a structural engineer to look at posts and lighting trees then render a professional opinion on their status. Would like for the Parks and Rec to cover that cost using revolving account. Rosa says profits through summer playground can cover it. Several electricians have looked at it and have had varying thoughts on cost. Little League does not allow wood construction of poles; they must be a different material (metal, fiberglass, etc). Russ is calling John Cannon to get photographs of the poles for visual representation.

3. ***Update on Dugout Variance at Savage Field*** (Russ Karlstad) - Denied. Needs

structural drawing; asked Clinton Area Little League Vice President Matt Varakis for it but did not receive drawing. Recommends we do fabric lining on dugouts and look to complete next year. Matt K. stated that CALL would like to continue moving forward with a dugout/structure for this season. Jay reached out to three engineers with no success. Russ recommends we go to lumber yard.

4. ***Splash Pad*** (Russ Karlstad) - Splash pad is basically dead and must rip up to

repair. Will make a new splash pad. Equipment cost is ~\$89K, installation (equipment cost included) is \$160-180K. Jim Tomolo is in favor of the project. Project will not be done until the end of July/middle of August. About 6-7 weeks for the entire timeline,

(both demolition and installation). Pictures of the proposed splash pad were shown to the board. Facilities will go out to bid with current splash pad. Can ask selectmen for funding prior to town meeting.

5. Russ, Rosa, and others toured Armory building. Town is deciding what will be done with the building. Russ proposes Parks and Rec move into building if possible. Current Parks and Rec building could then become Facilities Department, depending on decisions made. Building has a gym, small kitchen, stage, and lots of space. Building is in good shape, requires several small repairs.

6. **Review of Draft Budget** (Rosa Kairit) - Not a lot of the budget changed from 2020-2021. Russ absorbed lots of the costs due to Facilities payments. Rosa reallocated funds from Parks Misc. Expense (\$3800) to Rec Wages. We can still provide the same amount of service. Will provide “summer playground” for children during school vacations in the Parks and Rec building, as school does not provide child care while school is closed. Taking in 25 children (\$100 each) for the week of February vacation. Costs \$1100 for salaries, entertainment, etc. April vacation will have less expenses than February. Requires higher wages in order to host program in bigger building. Matt makes motion to accept the budget as presented, Ed 2nds, all in favor - 4.

8. **Program Updates** (Rosa Kairit) - Matt makes motion to remove July 29th from scheduled meeting dates due to Rosa’s recommendation, John 2nds, all in favor - 4. Rosa informs board that several members of the community left open flames on Central Park fountain at night due to a memorial that was held. Matt asks if there is a flag in

Carlisle Park and to enter exploratory phase of pricing and installing a flag pole if there is not one.

Other Actions:

1. Going to add an "New and Old Business/Open Discussion" section to future meeting agendas.

Matt makes motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, John 2nds, all in favor - 4.