

**February 26, 2020**

**Clinton Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes**

6:00 PM

Clinton Parks and Recreation Building

560 High St.

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Attendance:

Director Rosa Kairit, Recreation Coordinator Maya Pagoaga, Facilities Director Russell Karlstad, Chairman Jodi Breidel, Vice Chair Yoanna Osborne, Commissioners John Baird and Ed Verrier, Clinton Softball Subcommittee members Joe Repole and Chuck Mandeville.

Administrative:

Review and Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes - Matt emailed Rosa with several changes that he would like to make to the minutes. Yoanna asks that we amend the meeting minutes for "Parks and Recreation Section 1", last sentence. She asks that we include Ed Verrier's second to the motion made. Yoanna motions that we include Matt Kobus's edits included in his email (2/25 1:31 PM) to the current minutes for January 22nd, 2020. John seconds, all in favor.

Ed Verrier nominates Commissioner John Baird to become the new secretary of the Parks and Recreation commission. Yoanna seconds, all in favor. Yoanna thanks Matt for his time as secretary.

Parks and Recreation:

CALL and CAYS Request to name Savage Field their home field - Joe Repole updated board about Clinton Youth Softball as well as several other programs. Request that the softball field at Savage field be used for the softball program's home field. Yoanna motions that CAYS be allowed to use Savage field's softball field to be used for their softball league's home game, John seconds, all in favor.

CALL and CAYS Potential projects to partner with Facilities Dept. and Clinton Parks and Recreation - CALL and CAYS will be communicating with Facilities Department on safety improvements that will be made to the park

Structural Engineer Findings at Savage Field (Facilities Director Russell Karlstad) - The light poles and support trees are failing and should be removed sooner rather than later. The concrete retaining wall is failing and needs to be replaced, and structural engineer recommends a fence above it. Press box is not built to code, permits were not pulled, and it needs corrective action to bring it up to code. Russ will be getting in touch with Matt Kobus to find out who built the press box.

Russ will be finding out a price for the fix of the light poles at both the softball field and the little league field and will notify Parks and Recreation of the cost.

Russ met with splash pad company and is moving forward on that project; the price has stayed nearly the same as previously shown.

Cost of wall coming down is not certain, possibly ~15-20k

Savage Field Renovation Funding Allocation of Funds Revisited - John motions to accept Savage Field Phase I as complete and to release the excess funds back to the town, Yoanna seconds, all in favor.

Gordon Lankton Donation Installation to Central Park Request - Mary Venuti on behalf of NYPRO/Jabil is formally requesting that a bench, a tree, and a plaque be donated to Central Park at the corner of Walnut and Union St. The donation itself would be around \$4k. Bench would remain in the same style as Central Park benches. Russ recommends going to selectmen about this so that they know of the decision. Rosa will visit the next Selectmen's meeting to inform them of this decision. Yoanna motions that we accept the donation installation on behalf of NYPRO/Jabil in gratitude of Gordon Lankton's service to the community specifically the bench, tree, and park, with specific verbiage to follow. Ed seconds, all in favor.

Vinny Garreffo Skate Park Sign - Aluminum sign to be put up at skate park in memorial of Vinny Garreffo. The sign will read "Vinny Garreffo Skate Park" and will contain the Clinton Parks and Recreation logo on it. It will be paid by the family, with Facilities to handle installation. John motions to accept request of sign as presented with the Clinton Parks and Recreation logo at the bottom of the sign. Yoanna seconds, all in favor.

CP&R Program Updates - Board thanks Deb Goodsell of the senior center for her donation of foldable chairs to the department.

New and Old Business/Open Discussion - Yoanna notices that we have not posted minutes for June 2019, the CALL site visit. They were approved at the next meeting. Matt Varakis was recorded as being present at the meeting, however he was not. Matt Kobus was present at the meeting, but his name was not on the minutes. Yoanna motions that we amend the June 26th meeting records to say that in the recap section of the June 19th site visit that it reflects that Matt Kobus was present, and not Matt Varakis. John seconds, all in favor.

Matt Kobus sent an email request to the board that we consider drafting separate warrant articles for the lights at Savage and the splash pad at Philbin. Board members should be at meetings during a request that they have, and there should be no discussion or deliberation via email. Ed motions that we address Matt's email (2/25 1:30 PM) when he is present for a full board discussion. Yoanna seconds, all in favor.

Yoanna motions to adjourn the meeting, Ed seconds, all in favor. 7:22 PM.