

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Parks & Rec Commission Meeting

Joe, Carly, Jaime

Mike, Emily

**Meeting to order:** 6:08 pm

**Approval of previous minutes** – Joe make a motion, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

**Signs for Central Park** – make a decision on what signs around the fountain. 3 signs at \$250/each. Looking at plaque style vs. signs. Plaques are \$600/each. Look like a dedication plaque/decorative piece vs. “get out of fountain”

Where would they be placed? They will be on a pole. Ed wanted 3 because of frustration on people swimming and climbing in/on fountain.

Need at least one near entrance near the monument. Recommend at least 2 signs.

Emily checking to see if we could do a double sided on the same pole. Police said that signs help them enforce rules.

Approved: 2 sign locations, Green signs and verbage – Joe motioned, Carly 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

- Mike brought to our attention that cigarette butts are an issue. Suggested that we look into cigarette disposal. Will make a note and keep it on our radar.

### **Tree Planting in Central Park**

Trees – was going with a Magnolia and Mike has suggested that this may not be our best option. Dogwoods flower later on and bloom later, it is a sprawling tree. Jamie likes the Memorial Day blooming timeline. There are lots of variety. Lunenburg nursery does not have the caliber tree we want, Mike will check out Bigelow in Northboro. Making certain that the trees would be okay from Asian Longhorn beetle. Timeline – not certain, takes time, a more mature tree may need extra equipment.

### **Landscape Architect**

Range is very large \$15k - \$90k

Keeping this on our radar

As little as coming in and give us plan or bid out projects.

Solar lights but recommend have another switch to have more control

### **Rules for Savage Field**

- Goal for summer is nice sign w/ rules for park and doggie pot stations.
- Contact CPR for gatherings/events \*
- Keep park clean \*
- Keep dogs on leash and pick up after your pooch \*
- Sign needs to be able to be moved
- Sign by 3<sup>rd</sup> base side

- Use the same material that the sign on splash pad sign
- No area for dog park or to maintain
- Mike said that he has not seen dog feces on the field, but have seen it around the field
- Will continue this discussion at next meeting
- Respect each area of play

**Backstop at little league – foul balls going into Water Street. Need to build another level, but do not have funding to do this now. Will eventually have netting on a pulley system in the future.**

**Plants near playground act as a barrier to street. Mike suggested azaleas.  
Playground will be fenced in, black plastic metal fence.**

**Administrative:**

Town Meeting – June 6<sup>th</sup>

School is asking \$1.5 million over what school is getting this year

Money could be from override, CPR would lose \$22,000 – no summer playground workers, cut 1 parks worker, cut late care, current ratio, currently 1:10, 95 kids/week – would have to cut kids or short staff department 6-9 months.

-hopefully know before town meeting

-potentially need advocates

Staffing for summer:

Anita: intern recreation manager (now – December)

Counselors

Office Aid

**Glowing Eggstravaganza**

-notes/docs for next year

-breaking up for age group “Twilight Hunt”

-wristbands for pre-reg

**Outdoor Movie – May 14<sup>th</sup> – The Minion Movie**

Sponsor: Discover Clinton, Cultural Council, CPR, Clinton Savings Bank

Starts 7:45 pm

Concessions: 7:00 pm

-Popcorn Maker -consider purchase

-sandwich boards – mike made them, will relocate these signs soon (Depot Square, Police station corner)

Banners made by company in Leominster

Gale Interview – Yoanna upset at lack of response

**May meeting dates: Emily will send out dates**

**Meeting Adjourn at 7:05 pm**