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Park & Rec Commission Mtg. 03/01/2016

MINUTES OF THE RAYNHAM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION Regular Monthly Meeting, March 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m. South School, 305 South Street East, Raynham, MA

In Attendance: Chairman Chris Shaw, Commissioner Jim Sullivan, Director Elizabeth Francis, and Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary SJ Blanchard. Commissioner Jim Brow arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Chairman Chris Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Jim S. made a motion to approve as printed the minutes of the Feb. 2, 2016 meeting. Chris seconded the motion and the two voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Jim Brow arrived at this point in the meeting.

Liz reported on the following:

- The Raynham Giants organization has not yet forwarded the electric bill for the work on the breakers at Bettencourt Field, of which the Commissioners voted to pay half at their last meeting. Jim B. indicated that the invoice will be forthcoming.
- She contacted B-R maintenance head Al Baroncelli and told him of the Commissioners' decision last month not to contribute towards the school district's repair costs for the problem with the motor which raises and lowers a basketball hoop in the RMS gym. It is her understanding that the mechanism has since been repaired.

She now has a specific state contact person relative to Raynham Forest issues. Town highway workers cleaned up the area after the last storm.

Town administrator Randy Buckner has approved the plan to consolidate the leases for the Borden Colony agricultural parcels rented by Tony Arruda into one, and he asked that it all be re-mapped. Arruda will meet with Liz relative to the leases and the property; he was unable to make a meeting set for this week.

Work has not yet been done at Reid Field, but will take place this spring.

The youth basketball season has ended with finals slated to be wrapped up this Saturday.

The Raynham Lions Club submitted a request for two one-day liquor licenses for the following upcoming events which will be held at their clubrooms: a clam boil to be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 3, 2016 and a comedy night to be held from 6 to 11 p.m. on May 21, 2016. Jim S. made a motion to recommend approval of the licenses to the Board of Selectmen. Jim B. seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

The following spring field-use permit requests were acted on:

- Raynham Veterans Over-the-Hill Soccer League requests the use of a soccer field for home games only on Sunday mornings between May 3 and June 19, 2016. Jim S. made a motion to approve this request with a seasonal field-use fee of \$550; Jim B. seconded and a unanimous vote followed.
- Coyle & Cassidy High School Baseball submitted a request for the use of the McKenney Babe Ruth Field for 8 dates between April 4 and May 27, 2016 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Liz noted that they would need to be off the field by 5:30 for subsequent users. Jim B. made a motion to approve this request with a fee of \$550; Jim S. seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Sunday Morning Softball submitted a request for the use of both the Reid and the Borden Colony softball fields for two seasons, April 24 to Oct. 2, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays. Jim B. made a motion to approve this request with a 2-season/2-field fee of \$1,650; Jim S. seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

South Shore Rox requests the use of the McKenney Field for weekend games between March 1 and June 5, 2016 from noon to 5 p.m. Jim B. made a motion to approve, contingent upon no RYSBA schedule conflicts and with a fee of \$550; Jim S. seconded and a unanimous vote followed. RYBSA's official field-use schedule has not yet been provided.

Easton Baptist Church Softball requests the use of the Borden Colony softball field from 5 to 9 p.m. on Mondays between April 11 and August 22, 2016. Jim S. made the motion to grant approval with a 1 1/2-season field-use fee of \$825; Jim B. seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

- Representing T.O.P.I.C., Craig Tremblay of Norton submitted a request for the use of the field around the Borden Colony gazebo in order to hold a Native American pow-wow the weekend of June 25-26, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; set-up would take place on Friday, June 24. Up to 500 attendees are anticipated at this 2-day event, which would include 30 vendors, an outdoor kitchen, a continuously-lit ceremonial fire pit and overnight camping. Jim B. made a motion to approve the request with a fee of \$420, and contingent upon the group hiring police details. Jim S. seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Relative to the discussion of program price increases that was tabled at the Feb. 2nd meeting, Liz is suggesting a \$1 per day increase for both the before-school and the after-school childcare programs. These increases are due to the annual boosts in minimum wage, which has impacted our staffing costs significantly. Other costs for these programs, she explained, are largely fixed. Jim S. made a motion to increase the user fees for the 2016-2017 school year as follows: for 5 days/week attendance - \$85/child and for 3 days/week attendance - \$72/child for the after-school program and to up the before-school fee to \$45/week/child. Jim B. seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Liz asked that the discussion on rate hikes for the summer playground and extended day programs be tabled until the April meeting, pending further planning for this summer's events. She explained that many of the field-trip venues are closed for the winter season so it remains difficult to estimate these costs. While some of the summer program's costs are fixed, others are not, and it would be possible to plan some lesser-expensive outings in an effort to reduce overhead. Jim B. made a motion to table the discussion on increasing the fees for the summer program until the April 5th meeting. Jim S. seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Liz is compiling a list of end-of-the-fiscal-year clean-up projects and asked for input from the Commissioners. Items on the list so far include:

- The gate at Reid Field
- Refreshing the infield at the McKenney Babe Ruth Field. Liz will seek quotes and if it is financially do-able, she will schedule this as soon as possible.

- Obtaining quotes for the repair or replacement of garage windows and re-siding the garage at the rental property at 2000 King Philip Street.
- Commissioners noted that the stone at the Bettencourt Field needs to be scrubbed and the area around it mulched. Also, the Burke Field sign at the Merrill complex is in disrepair.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SJ Blanchard

Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary