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Parks Board Draft Minutes

In Attendance via zoom: Matt Scott, Taylor Barton, Steven Bergleitner, Marge Fish, Kelly Pajala and Sharon Crossman.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05.

Additions and Deletions: Kelly Pajala made a motion to add as the first agenda item a discussion with Sharon Crossman of the Planning Commission about the north village and a wastewater system possibly being located at Pingree park. Matt Scott seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Planning Commission Wastewater Discussion: Sharon Crossman spoke on behalf of the Planning commission about a wastewater study being done for the North village. The study is looking at soil types in the North Village to determine possible sites for a small community wastewater system (under 6500 gallons per day)to serve the businesses along the south side of Routes 11 and 100 and maybe a few residences. The west half of Pingree Park (8,00 square foot open area below the tennis court and part of the upper baseball field) has good soil and could possibly be used from an inground system. There are three potential options for systems at that location, each with different variables such as: needing a pump station, reserving space for a replacement system, having a pressurized system, having inground or mound systems. The Parks board has asked for more information about the project including: 1) Could the wastewater system area still be used for recreation? 2) Would this use violate the deed restriction for no commercial use on the property? 3) Who would be paying for any work that needs to be done in the park for the study such as test pits? 4) Who would be paying for the wastewater system as a whole? 5) Does the Town have a right to use eminent domain if private property needs to be used for a system and what is the town's obligation to provide a wastewater option if there are systems in the village that fail?

Kelly offered to reach out to the Town's attorney to ask for an opinion on the deed restriction question and look at the issue of the town's obligation and eminent domain.

All other planning for use of the area for the wastewater system will be on hold until we have further information.

Review minutes: Marge Fish made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Taylor Barton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Parks Covid Operations:

Winter activities: Peru is organizing a skating pond so the parks board is not going to pursue putting in a rink this winter. After the contract for plowing at Pingree is in place we will publicize in the community that Pingree will be open for use during the winter.

Plowing bid for Pingree Park: The bids for plowing will be opened at the next Select board meeting so we will know the cost of plowing at the next parks meeting.

Goals for winter preparation for next year's park season: Memorial Park pond improvements including an aeration system, new beach sand, removing plant growth and digging below the diving board. Hanging trail markers along the walking trail at Memorial. Working with the Conservation Commission to add informational plant markers within the Town Parks.

Project updates: Matt asked for some quotes about pond improvements from some landscape companies but only heard back from one with any interest. More information will be pursued as winter goes on. Marge will contact the Rotary club to get pricing and ordering information for the trail markers for Memorial Park.

Financials: current years budget and fund balances were reviewed. No action was taken.

Budget planning: (we are budgeting as if there will be a full parks season next year) Suggested Budget amounts for FY22:

Grounds Maintenance: \$10,000

Fica/medi: \$765

Outside Services: \$10,000 (to be adjusted when plowing bid is received and we have preliminary info on Memorial lawn mowing)

Electricity: \$1,600

Maintenance(Other): \$10,500 (included tennis court resurface)

Portable toilets: \$3000

All Parks fund Spending thoughts:

Parks fund: spend \$5,000 on tennis court resurface with Pickleball lines

Riverside fund: No plans for this fund at this time

Memorial Park fund: No project information costs at this time but improvements to the pond and a bench for the butterfly garden will be paid for out of this fund.

Adjourn: Marge made a motion to adjourn 6:04. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next meeting of the parks board will be December 8th @ 5:30 via zoom