

Minutes: Gardiner Parks and Rec Committee Meeting
Tuesday Aug. 6, 2019 5:30 - 6:30 pm City Hall

Present: Jay Simanski, Tony LaPlante, Jeannine Lhureux, Jessica Clark, Jack Fles,
Absent: Mark Rines, Jerry Maschino, Cindy Reiter
Guests: Dottie Washburn, Mary Anne Casey, Mari McGuire, Robert Abbey, Rus Baer

OLD BUSINESS

I. Approval of Minutes July 2, 2019 – accepted as presented

II. Palmer Fountain on the Common

Robert Abbey

A. Robert presented Excellent printed evaluation and plan for care of the fountain.

B. Motion: The Park and Rec committee thanks Robert Abbey for his continued care for the Palmer Fountain on the city common over the past several years, and for the recent formation of the “Friends of the Lady and the Birds” group, which has put together a plan for the care of the fountain. The Park and Rec committee commends to City Council the restoration plan, which is attached. Carried unanimously.

1. Jack Fles will send the above to Christine Landes for addition to the upcoming city council agenda.

III. Barks in the Park - Sat. Sept 7, 10-2, Waterfront

Jess Clark

A. Suggestions for vendors and dog related presentations are welcome.

B. Next Dog park committee meeting Thursday Aug 15, 5:30. Location TBA

IV. Dog Park

Jess Clark

A. Fence is up, grand opening part of Barks in the Park, Sept. 7

1. Tony will put locks on all three gates in the meantime

B. One more work day, for final clearing and clean up is needed.

C. Jess will give Tony LaPlante design for the needed signs, who will order and remit payment.

1. No parking sign needed – not a public entrance

D. Jess will send Tony rules for park use, to be made into a sign.

D. Tony will order Doggie waste station and baggies. City will pick up regularly.

C. Point of Order: How decisions are made

Jessica Clark chairs the Dog Park Committee (DPC), comprised of several members.

The DPC presents to Park and Rec any recommendation for decisions and action.

The Park and Rec presents to City Council decisions for final approval before any action is taken.

D. Point of Order: How finances raised by the DPC are distributed

Jess Clark will meet with City Manager to establish a procedure.

V. Gardiner Fire Football Club

Cindy Reiter

A. No report given

VI. Athletic Fields in Gardiner Discussion

Christine Landes

A. No report given.

VII. Waterfront

Jack Fles

A. Buoys update

1. all in place

2. \$ donation box in place – \$ 25 collected and turned in so far

3. Photos of buoys needed by City Manager for insurance

B. Dottie has completed three signs for waterfront, Public works will install.

C. Status of repair to pylons and fence – in discussion with Reed and Reed

D. There is a dead tree near the kayak launch, needs replacement

E. Of the eight slips, three are empty, 5 being rented.

F. Harbor Master / Host

1. In exchange for a slip for his boat, Jay Simanski has offered to be host for waterfront, have people register thru him, to be the local an immediate contact person for persons who visit Gardiner via the Kennebec.

Motion: The Park and Rec committee makes a formal recommendation for City Manger and Chief of Police to take Jay up on his offer for Summer 2020, and have Jay attend the training required for the position. Carried unanimously.

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VIII. Kiosk and Public safety rules for pet owners at the Waterfront – Tony LaPlante

- A. The goal of the Kiosk is to direct visitors to our many business and pleasure opportunities in Gardiner.
- B. Tony L. reports that the project has been a long term fumble...how do we press for completion?

IX. Striper Tournament – June 2020 Jack Fles

- A. Jay and Jack to get together, find sponsors, talk to fishing shops
- B. Big Project – we need help from experienced fisher people
- C. Mary McGuire suggests contacts - Boothbay Harbor master contact, Peter Riley.
Sportsman Club – Mark Laney

NEW BUSINESS –

X. Living Christmas Tree –

- A. Joe Gould has offered to purchase living Christmas Tree for Johnson Hall Park

Motion: Park and Rec supports the idea, and request discussion and decision from city council. Carried unanimously.

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XI. Down Town Smoking -

- A. Top of the agenda for our next meeting.

XII. Adjourned 7:00 pm.

XIII. Next meeting - Tuesday September 3, 5:30-6:30 City Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Fles
Chair