

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting Minutes -Draft
March 6, 2018

Present: Jack Fles, Scott Williams, Tony Laplante, Dale Staples, Rus Baer, Cindy Reiter, Jeanine Lhureux, Patrick Wright, Thom Harnett, Jay Simanski.

Absent: None

Guests: Chief Toman

I. Welcome

- Reviewed minutes of Jan 22, 2018.
- **motion to accept, carried.**

II. Barks in the Park

- **Motion made for barks in the park to become a sub-committee of Parks Rec, with Rus Baer, member of dog park committee, as liaison to Park Rec. Carried unanimously.**

II. Gardiner Fire Football Club

- South Gardiner lot owned by city is too small, would need retaining wall built, nearest parking would be at Riverview School, noise concern expressed by neighbors. Not a viable choice.
- **Police Association land- Intention is to sell that land. Cindy Reiter will continue to try and contact Officer Stacey Blair for direct information.**
- **Steve Magee property – Jack Fles and Cindy R. will attempt appointment with Steve to discuss.**
- Artificial Turf on football field, at this time expense prohibitive, could serve multiple purposes.

III. Splash Pad

- Dale Staples spoke with Rotary board. Rotary will help spearhead fundraising.
- Tony LaPlante and Jack Fles have spoken with EJP leaders, enthusiastic support for the project.

IV. Community Forrest

- No further developments as Dottie Washburne is recovering from broken hip.

V. Greenscape

- No New Updates. Robert Abbey will advise when PR help is needed.

VI. Waterfront

A. Discussion of rules and fees, usage.

- Current fees were established some 17 years ago, before Chief Toman came to Gardiner.
- Waterfront has high volume of boaters w. trailers using the launching ramp.
- Low volume of boaters coming up river to visit Gardiner, or locals renting slips.
- Current fees are similar to those charged by private, secured ocean marinas.
- Bath, Richmond do not charge fees, and provide over night stays with permission.
- **Question: Is the current policy of signage, no wake markers, fees for short stays and longer stays encouraging/promoting/protecting boating visitors?**

- Jay Simanski, member Augusta Downtown, reports that city's intention to install floating docks to bring boat traffic to town. He suggests we coordinate fees and work together.
- Work is needed on marketing, promoting, advertising as well as fee rules.
- Need to provide rules on alcohol, complaints, resident/non resident fees, prevention of abuse, keep enough slips and dock space available for transient visitors, unknown costs to the city.

B. Waterfront Next Steps for April PR Meeting

- 1. Jay Simanski and Jack Fles to sketch our possible fee schedule and policy ideas. Send around draft ideas for to Chief Toman and PR members.**
- 2. Tony LaPlante to dig out currents rules for waterfront fees and use.**

C. Public safety at the waterfront

- worries expressed - vicious/out of control dogs, not safe for children, dogs off leash with non-cooperative /belligerent dog owners.
- Guide line for public safety – “If you see it, report it”. Call the police.
- PR to recommend that dog rules be part up upcoming signage at the waterfront.

VI. Conclusion

- 30 seconds of silence
- Adjourned 6:40.
- Next meeting Tuesday, April 10, 5:30-6:30, city hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Williams, Jack Fles