

Minutes - Gardiner Parks and Rec Committee Meeting
Tuesday April 2, 2019 5:30 - 6:30 pm City Hall

Present: Jay Simanski, Jeannine Lehurex, Jack Fles, Tony LaPlante, Cindy Reiter, C

Absent: Marco Rines, Jerry Maschino

Guests: Christine Landes, Tom Fiorello, Mike Clearey, Corey Gero, Ryan Eldridge.

I. Welcome

II. Approve Minutes Oct. 2, 2018 - done

Review of OLD BUSINESS

III. Barks in the Park

Jessica Clark

- A. Not being promoted by GMS – Why? - discouraging to those who have been working 10 years
- B. City Manger reports that approx. \$12,000 was raised by the past 9 years of bark events, held by city

IV. Dog Park

- A. City has approved the plan, donated contractors ready to go
- B. DP team needs revitalization to help Jessica, who requests support

Jessica Clark

IV. Gardiner Fire Football Club

Cindy Reiter

- A. Big program, just won State Championship
- B. Currently 102 kids, age 7-13. Two boys teams, two girls.
- C. Practicing anywhere but Gardiner; in Waterville, Thomas College
- D. Field space needed in Gardiner

V. Splash pad -

Tony Laplante

- A. Great idea – very expensive – dream on hold – delete from PR agenda

VI. Community Forest

- A. Jack F. and Dottie W. to pursue access thru abutters

VII. Green scape work

Jack F. for Robert Abbey

- A. goal – no smoking down town
- B. Park Benches will be completed this summer

VIII. Waterfront

Jack Fles

- A. No wake buoys purchased, will install this spring
- B. City Manager request 3 weeks notice to secure insurance rider
- C. Donation box will be set up after docks installed by Jack

IX. Kiosk and Public safety with pets at the Waterfront –

Tony Laplante

- A. No new on kiosk, leash law still in discussion

X. Cobbosee trail and Trestle

Tony Laplante

- A. Cobbosee trail work has started
 - 1. DOT grants 80%, Gardiner pays \$20
- B. Trestle cost \$1 million – on hold, delete from PR agenda

XI. Traffic at waterfront entrance

- A. On hold 'til Jerry Maschino returns from Florida

XII. Park Rec Membership

- A. Rus Baer resigned, Mike Clearey interested

NEW BUSINESS

XV. Athletic Field Discussion – see addendum

XVI. Harbormaster –

A. Jay Simanski has expressed interest to Chief Toman to serve as harbor master

XVII. Adjournment

A. at 6:45 pm.

XVIII. Nest meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Fles

Chair

Follow Up Tasks:

Tony – speak with Gabe about upkeep and public use of high school tennis courts

Jack – speak with Piper GMS seeking support for Barks in Park

Jack and Dottie – follow up on abutters to land trust for access

Jessica – call a meeting to stir up interest/enthusiasm among dog lovers, call humane society for no profit status

Christine – call for meeting of athletic field stake holders to develop a united plan

Jay – pursue harbormaster position

Jeannine – be in touch with Jessica Clark (207) 592-9400 to support dog lovers efforts.