



Parks and Recreation Committee  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Minutes, June 3, 2019; 4:30 PM**  
**Council Chambers**

**ITEM 1**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:31 PM – The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Dobbs. Committee members present were Greg Veilleux, Eric Ankrom and Tommy Parham. Others in attendance were Shelby Allen and Maggie, park use permit applicant representatives.

**ITEM 2**

**Excused Absence(s):** John Kelly.

**ITEM 3**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** *The Parks and Recreation Committee allows at this time up to fifteen minutes of public comment on any subject not on the agenda, and not in litigation, with a maximum of three minutes per person.* – None.

**ITEM 4**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chair Dobbs recommended to amend the Agenda to add Item 6.C., Parking for Town Band Concert Members. Mr. Veilleux moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Agenda as amended; motion passed (4-0).

**ITEM 5**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of March 18, 2019. Mr. Parham moved, with second by Mr. Veilleux, to approve the Minutes; motion passed (4-0).

**ITEM 6**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Request from the YWCA MDI to Hold a Pride Field Day on the Athletic Field from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM on Saturday, June 29, 2019.**

Mses. Allen and Maggie represented the applicant in support of the application. The application fee and insurance liability certificate have been received. This is the Pride's fourth annual event, which occurs the last week in June. There are other activities occurring throughout Bar Harbor. The use of the Athletic Field is to host an all-ages-friendly event. Plans include crafts, face painting, use of basketball court and field for games (i.e., three-legged race). The actual timeframe of the event is 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM, with the margins planned for set-up and breakdown.

Chair Dobbs indicated that permits for minor events do not allow selling or solicitations. He then recalled that, in the past, the local garden club has been allowed to sell plants. Messrs. Ankrom and Veilleux said they do not foresee a problem with this applicant having a donation

jar. Chair Dobbs clarified that the applicant may not request donations, but may have a donation receptacle on site.

Mr. Ankrom moved, with second by Mr. Parham, to approve the application with the stipulation that donation requests may not be made, but that the donation receptacle may be present; motion passed (4-0).

**B. Fun Day / Jamaica Independence Day on Athletic Field on August 6. (informational only – all day; food purchased off-site and brought to field).**

This item is included for informational purposes. It is an athletic event which requires scheduling for use of the facility. This event is designed to attract the seasonal workers from other countries.

**C. Parking for Town Band Concert Players.**

Chair Dobbs reported that Town Band Director Brian Booher approached Police Chief Willis with the request for three dedicated parking spaces at the Village Green for loading / unloading musical instruments for the upcoming concert season. The request was denied in support of the parking permit policy. Chair Dobbs said that the Police Chief has discretion in such matters and wants this Committee to recommend to Town Council to allow the free parking because of the tradition to provide the concerts. He stressed that he would put the issue forth at the June 4 annual Town Meeting that the Town should absorb lost parking revenue in this instance.

In an effort to offer solutions, Mr. Ankrom suggested that Mr. Booher could approach his (Mr. Booher's) church official for permission to use the church parking lot across the street from the Village Green for this purpose. Mr. Veilleux added that delivery parking spots on bordering Mt. Desert Street are not used during concert times and might be available for use by the Town Band. He noted that participating musicians would be paying to park their personal vehicles. He added that he would be in agreement either way.

**ITEM 7  
NEXT MEETING DATE  
As needed.**

**ITEM 8  
ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Banis  
Recording Secretary