



Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Minutes, June 18, 2018; 4:30 PM
Council Chambers

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER: 4:29 PM – The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Dobbs. Committee members present were Eric Ankrom, Greg Veilleux, Tommy Parham, John Kelly, and Committee Liaison Public Works Director Chip Reeves. Others in attendance were Mackenzie Miller of Mt. Desert High School Resistance, Andrew Shea and Kyle McKim of the Acadian Little League, and Brian Booher of the Bar Harbor Town Band.

ITEM 2

Excused Absence(s): None.

ITEM 3

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Veilleux moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Agenda; motion passed (5-0).

ITEM 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of April 2, 2018. Mr. Veilleux moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Minutes; motion passed (5-0).

ITEM 5
REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Request from YWCA MDI to Hold a Mt. Desert Island High School Resistance Luminaries on the Village Green from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday, July 2, 108.**

Ms. Miller represented the applicant in support of the application. The application fee and insurance liability certificate have been received. Chair Dobbs reviewed the application using the Findings of Fact Sheet. Town Band Director Booher noted that the first band concert for the Town Band on the Village Green is also July 2. Ms. Miller said the Luminaries event date could be changed to July 3, 2018.

Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the application with the condition that the date would change to July 3, 2018; motion passed (5-0).

B. Acadian Little League (ALL): Andrew Shea and Kyle McKim Presentation of Athletic Field 2017 Project Recap and 2018 Project List.

Messrs. Shea and McKim provided a handout outlining the 2017 accomplishments and planned 2018 projects. Mr. McKim reported that 2017 was “business as usual.” Ballfield #3 has been worked to become more usable and is good for practices. He said that while re-sodding works in the fall, it is best accomplished in the spring and no sooner than September. Hand-raking must be used for field #2 infield lines. The pitchers’ mounds are developing holes.

The existing snack shack is used hard and is need of replacement. Mr. Reeves reported that the Athletic Field comfort station is due for replacement without two years. This would ideally coincide with a snack shack project. ALL will begin a discussion with the Town Manager on how to combine the projects. Mr. Shea indicated a year lead time for fundraising. Mr. Kelly suggested specifications for the snack shack in preparation for the discussion.

Chair Dobbs remarked that with the ALL and Town collaboration, the fields are getting better each year.

C. Village Green Bandstand Shrubbery: Request from Band Director Brian Booher for Removal of Nearby Shrubbery.

Mr. Booher reported that the Town Band continues to grow and needs more seating / instrument space for the musicians. He recommends building a new bandstand. Sometimes there are 50 members performing, and rugs are placed on the ground under the percussion section to keep the dirt out of the instruments. Eighth graders are requesting to join. Removal of some of the shrubbery could allow more space. Mr. Reeves indicated that the planted area could be revamped. He added that the current bandstand is an historic structure. As a member of the Village Improvement Association, Chair Dobbs said he would approach that group regarding the bandstand.

Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Veilleux, to have the shrubs removed; motion passed (5-0).

D. Grant Park: Discussion Regarding Addition of Metal Hand Rail at Steps to the Shore.

Chair Dobbs noted that a railing might be added for handicap accessibility. Mr. Veilleux remarked that he would not be opposed to a railing and would recommend metal. Messrs. Reeves and Kelly stressed that it may not be wise to encourage unsteady people onto an area that is more difficult to navigate. Mr. Ankrom agreed that a hand railing would not completely prevent mishaps. Mr. Reeves added that when the shrubbery grows up, it should improve the area.

E. Film Production Shoot on Village Green.

A request for use of the Village Green to produce a short photo shoot involving a few people was recently received. Mr. Reeves explained that this request would not generally be added to the agenda because it does not meet the criteria of involving 25 people which

would trigger the need for a permit. It is added to this Agenda for informational purposes and inquiry regarding any Committee's interest in changing the criteria. There is nothing in the Park Use Ordinance pertaining to filming. No action is required.

F. Other Discussion.

- Harborview Park Improvements: This project is contracted by Oceanside Properties, Inc. The grades for the sitting wall at the backside of the fence were overlooked during the approval process. Stone will be added to that area to keep water out.

- Abbe Museum Indian Market Event of May 2018: Mr. Veilleux commended the Abbe Museum for its successful inauguration of this major event; "cultural adversity, lots of people, awesome, smashing success." Mr. Reeves added that there were a lot of positive comments made.

**ITEM 6
NEXT MEETING DATE**

As needed.

**ITEM 7
ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Banis
Recording Secretary