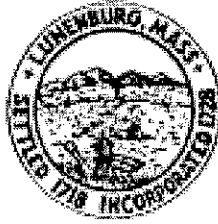


Town of Lunenburg Park Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

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Attendance: Jack, Pete, Dennis, Mark Ericson, Karin, Dave Passios, Letarte's

1) Dennis Mannone called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Attendance: Karin Menard, Pete McCauliff, Dennis Mannone and Jack Rodriquez.

2) Memorandum of Agreement of Turf/Track Complex with Lunenburg Public Schools

Commissioners reviewed the document presented. Dennis felt strongly that non school related groups needed to have an avenue for resolution if the weren't given fair and equitable usage of the field. The commission was unsure of how to word this or how it would be executed so decided that we would have a discussion with the School Committee at our joint meeting to determine this.

Dennis Mannone motioned and Pete McCauliff seconded to send the draft Memorandum of Agreement to the School Committee for review. Approved 3-0.

Dave Passios was present and asked why we don't give up total control to the School Committee now as it appears that makes the most sense. Karin Menard said that is an option that can still be considered and that we weren't taking that off the table even with this MoA. Karin would like to see how to do that and if its an option and will research with Town Council and Town Manager.

3) Wallis Park Playground

At the Special Town Meeting, Article V was approved in the amount of \$25k for additional play ground equipment at Wallis Park. Dave Rogers, representing the Lunenburg Lions Club, was present to discuss their involvement and promise of funds to the project. He explained that they matched in kind donations and have \$10k to bring to the project. They have no restrictions on how it is to be spent as long as it is spent on the Wallis Park Playground facility. Dave Passios mentioned to the Commission that there is a very active Eagle Scout Program and they will be

looking for additional projects. Dave Rogers also suggested that the Commission could contact Monty Tech to see if they could help with construction of tables and benches.

The Commission thanked Mr. Rogers and the Lions Club for their contributions to this project.

Karin Menard asked Jack Rodriquez what the next step was. He said that we would need to come up with a conceptual plan and match what we have for money with equipment. Chris Letarte had done much of the leg work earlier this fall so Karin provided the commission with copies of conceptual plans that were designed around a \$37k budget. Chris Letarte also provided the information that the company who did these designs were also the ones who installed the three other playgrounds in town and they were a state approved company. Jack said that will be of great benefit.

4) Public Comment - Mark Erickson was present representing the Charter Review Committee - He provided the commission with a copy of their section of the Charter:

"SECTION 3-9 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

(a) Composition, Term of Office - There shall be a board of park commissioners consisting of 3 members who shall be elected for terms of 3 years each, so arranged that the term of 1 member shall expire each year.

(b) Powers and Duties - The board of park commissioners may lay out and improve public parks, make rules for their use and government, appoint all necessary engineers, surveyors, clerks and other officers, including a police force to act in such parks. The board of park commissioners may define the powers and duties of that police force, fix the compensation of its members and do all acts necessary for the proper execution of its powers and duties. Subject to appropriation, the park commissioners may conduct park programs and recreation activities at locations other than the public parks. The day-to-day care and maintenance of the public parks shall be under the supervision of the town manager."

He said if Parks wants anything changed, it needs to go back to him asap. - They are hoping to have everything needs to be finalized and reviewed by beginning of April and that they are working on a very tight time table.

5) Karin Menard motioned and Pete McCauliff seconded to adjourn at 8:39pm- passed 3-0