

**PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**

**Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Senior Center**

**Attendance:**

**Present - Bryan Litz, Bill Scatolini, Jon Stogner, CW Zimmer, Emilie Hisgen, Dave Trebbe**

**Absent - Michelle Pastore, Marc Atkin**

**Guest - Shannon Melluzo, Rob Lowe, Matt Bean**

**I. Meeting Called To Order.**

**Called to order at 6:05pm by Mr. Scatolini**

**II. Minutes from Previous Meetings Approved and Accepted**

- a. December 2018 - approved at last meeting
- b. January 2019 - Motion made by Mr. Trebbe to approve January 3 minutes, second by Mrs. Hisgen, all in favor. January 24 minutes will be approved at March meeting.

**III. Bills Submitted for Approval:**

- a. T – Mobile - \$60.97

**IV. Budget Report**

- a. General Fund - As of Feb 5 the department has spent 56% of the general fund budget. This is on par compared to last year.
- b. Revolving Fund - \$55,000 remains in account, \$12,000 difference from last year but waiting on water and MyRec bills.
- c. FY20 Budget Update - Town Budget meeting was last week, 8 employees retiring, \$340,000 will need to be paid out for those employees. Assessment for schools continues to grow for Wilbraham compared to Hampden. Recommended to watch Feb 4 meeting online. A few request by rec department were in favor on the town side for AED, truck, utility vehicle, dethatcher, and blower.

**V. Correspondence.**

\$2200 request from the Reserve Fund was approved by the finance committee to repair bucket loader.

Disc Golf fundraiser was a great success.

Looking to host Jr. Legion baseball sectionals. Application submitted.

Working with John Breton for this event to happen. July 27 - 31. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

**VI. Committee Reports.**

- a. F.O.R. (Bryan Litz) - trail race will be held on April 13. Working with cup to pint. Fishing derby will be held on May 18.

- b. Community Preservation (C.W. Zimmer) - Asking questions about the runoff drainage at the middle school. Park storage building concerns for size and expense.

Following items were voted on by the Rec Commission for approval

1. Children's Museum - \$195,000 all in favor
  2. Bridge at 12 mile - \$25,000 all in favor
  3. Handicap viewing area at fountain park - \$18,000 all in favor
  4. Library story walk trail - \$55,000 all in favor
  5. Drainage at WMS - \$55,000
  6. Memorial School playground - \$25,000
  7. Parks storage building - \$250,000
  8. Town Clerk records - \$5,600
  9. Old Meeting House renovations - \$14,200
  10. TOTAL = \$642,800
- c. Selectmen Liaison (Bill Scatolini) - none at this time
  - d. Open Space (Emilie Hisgen) - Open Space was not a fan of the storage building due to the cost which is smaller than others in town. Asked questions of why move the playground and not just build a new one. The playground is in good shape and a new playground would be very expensive. Mount Marcy  $\frac{3}{4}$  complete. Did not receive grant.
  - e. Sports Associations/Committees (Bryan Litz)
    - i. 2019 FYFA roles and responsibilities - voted at last meeting to continue to follow the roles and responsibilities between FYFA and Rec Dept. CW presented roles and responsibilities. Rec Board recommend Mr. Litz be part of the coaching process and be a part of the equipment and financial approval of items. Key is communicating. Fees will be \$150 and \$175 for 2019. New wordage for roles and responsibilities will be emailed to Shannon prior to their next meeting for final approval.  
\* SAFL asking for Pre-Season kick-off to be held at Spec on August 17. FYFA is interested in hosting Playoff game Oct 26 and 27. Recommended to email these request to Mr. Litz so he can check availability.
    - ii. LAX - Issue around the back money that wasn't paid continues to be an unknown from all parties. Lax needs to pay their 2018 assessment fee of \$2500 to access the fields for 2019. Leaving the rec umbrella doesn't mean money is not still owed. A member from Lax board and FOR will be invited to March meeting.

**VII. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting.** none at this time

**VIII. Old Business.**

- a. Brainard Park Survey - results sent in and preferred to not sell by the neighborhood. 33% returned. Request range from adding a new playground, fields, and dog park.

**IX. New Business.**

- a. Elections Mr. Stogner will look at old minutes to see when this was last voted on. Idea is to do elections in June so members are in place for September for the new year for meetings.

- b. Flag Football - Department was approached about adding a Fall Flag Football league in town. Board does not feel the program would attract enough players. Other towns do not offer Flag Football in the Fall so they would not have teams to play against. Other concern was taking players away from tackle football and have conflict of interest.

Motion made by Mr. Scatolini to add Flag Football for grades 3-8 starting this fall. Yes 1 No 4, motion did not pass. Board recommends to explore summer options for this program.

**X. Adjournment.**

Motion made by Mr. Scatolini to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Second by Mr. Zimmer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jon Stogner