

Park & Rec Committee Meeting

Minutes 5.29.2019

- Meeting opened at 6:17
- Present: Sean, Olga, Cheryl and Mike
- **Fields Master Plan Update:** Cass Chroust was kind enough to give the committee an update on the Fields Master Plan. With the help of a slide show, Cass walked the committee various concepts for the improved use of the fields under the town's domain with an emphasis on Sweeney, Masco, and the old burn dump on Pine Street.
- **Temporary Lights at Brook Street?:** The committee welcomed Donna Furse for a discussion on the potential use of temporary lights at Brook Street during the construction of the new elementary school abutting the field. Donna came to use as a member of the Boosters Club and a concerned citizen/parent of student athletes. A discussion was had about the new time restrictions on the Brook Street turf due to the construction and the problems it may cause the many programs that utilize the field. An idea that was discussed in great length was the use of temporary lights to extend the hours of use on the back end of the day. Conversations took place around neighbors reaction, cost, who would pay, responsibility for maintaining, as well as hours of use. A motion was made by Mike Coyne to recommend to the Board of Selectman the usage of temporary lights at Brook Street during the upcoming fall season from Sept 15th-November 15th during the construction of the new elementary school. The vote passed 3-0.
- Minutes were approved
- **Special Events:** No new requests.
- **375th Anniversary Celebration Update:** Outside of learning that Tom Kehoe and Sue Thorn are the ones running the show, there was nothing new to report.
- **Beach Opening:** The sun came out, as did eager beach goers for the opening weekend at Singing Beach. The beach had a good weekend on the revenue side and no one got hurt, so a win-win.
- **Summer Playground Update:** With the construction beginning this summer on the new school, Summer Playground will be moving to a new location (MERHS) for the first time that can be remembered. Besides the change in venue the program will also be altering its hours. This year the day session will run to 2 pm in the afternoon and will only be offering the night program two nights a week. The new location and hours have not appeared to hinder the popularity of this program as the early registration numbers look strong.
- Next meeting will be at 6:00 on June 20th at Town Hall. Joe (if available) will be the minute taker
- Meeting Adjourned 7:43 pm