



Town of Leicester
Parks and Recreation Committee
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Minutes of Meeting
February 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Pingeton, Jess Margadonna, Lucky Margadonna, Nancy Ortiz, Sue Sears, Joe Richardson, Joanne Bernier, and Paul Fontaine.

GUESTS: Josh Senior- alternate, Dennis Griffin- Highway Superintendent, Will Escobar, and Tyler Herron- student liaison.

Meeting called to order 7:18pm

MINUTES:

MOTION: Lucky moved to accept the meeting minutes.

SECOND: Jess

VOTE: All in favor

BUDGET:

MOTION: Lucky moved to accept budget as presented

SECOND: Sue

VOTE: All in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

Towtaid Park update with Dennis Griffin- out for bid- both the playground, sidewalk, and grading, compaction, new asphalt and fencing. Lighting will be in phase 2. Some discussion concerning the configuration of the courts as well as location of the lights was held.

The board will meet at Towtaid Park on Saturday February 26, 2022 at noon to make a visual inspection of the configuration of the courts.

Park improvement wish list: Lucky stated that he would like benches for Towtaid Park. Replacement of the roof on the snack shack at Community Field. Possible food shack at Rochdale Park and additional updates to the current courts. Lights replaced at Rochdale Park- may be part of the Green Community Grant. The committee will continue to add to this list. We should continue to look at the space and recreation study to see if there is additional pieces of information. In addition, discussion was held concerning who will be responsible for the parks going forward.

Discussion held that we will no longer be virtual. The meetings will be in person going forward.

Wil Escobar- FC United- soccer- wanted to come to the meeting for permission from 4/3/22 to 6/12/22. Typically, about 8 weeks in the morning on Sundays (usually 4 games) at Community Field. The club is charged per day. Discussion held

MOTION: Lucky moved to approve use

SECOND: Nancy

VOTE: All in favor

MOTION: Bob moved that the rates may go up

SECOND: Lucky

VOTE: All in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD REPORTS:

Nancy- Meet on Saturday February 26, 2022, at noon at Towtaid Park to discuss reconfiguration.

Joanne- Park and Rec sponsored Railers vs. Newfoundland Growlers game to be held on March 19, 2022 at 7:05pm

MOTION: Bob moved to approve P&R sponsored game

SECOND: Paul

VOTE: All in favor to have Joanne pursue a Park and Rec sponsored event. Joanne will report back at the next meeting.

Sue- Appoint someone to be the Burncoat Pond Association committee liaison.

MOTION: Bob

SECOND: Sue

VOTE: All in favor to have Paul Fontaine be liaison.

Lucky: None

Jessica: Becker working group discussed the Rules and Regs for fields. This week they will discuss the use of the basketball court at Becker Gym. Possibly hire someone to do the scheduling.

Updated basketball program is going well. Playing at the Town Hall every Saturday. Last session will be February 26, 2022.

Jess reached out to the Worcester WooSox- possible Leicester night on Friday July 8, 2022.

Paul- none

Bob- none



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Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:15pm in person.

MOTION: Paul moved to adjourn meeting at 9:12pm

SECOND: Jess

VOTE: All in favor