

Minutes of the Hanover Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held November 3, 2015.

Present: Mike Tivnan (Chair), Kelly Gilroy, Steve Geddes, Michelle Cavallaro, Lauren Rodday and Art Ceurvels

Also Present: Peter Johnson (Historic Society), Seth Pritikin (Dog Park Committee) Kristy Oliveira (Dog Park Committee), Paul Ciccolo (Dog Park Committee), John Trahan (Dog Park Committee), Donna Pineau (Dog Park Committee), Karen McCorkell (HYAA), Kyle Isola (resident interested in a playground), Jay Cavallaro (Touch a Truck), Chris Azizan (Touch a Truck), Ryan Bruder (Eagle Scout), Mr. Bruder (Eagle Scout Dad), Laura Rappaport (Dog Park Committee)

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Mike Tivnan

Historic Society

Peter Johnson-Apologized for missing the October meeting. Would like to talk to the Committee about a historic barn (barn that was on Center Street owned by Albert White's family) in storage that they are looking for a home for. They are trying very hard to keep it in Hanover, it is a valuable barn. Can be used as storage or shelter. It is about 30 x 28. Assume they would go for CPC money if they found a location.

Mike- A couple of locations come to mind, Forge Pond Park for field equipment or Gallant Field where the John Curtis School was

Art- Agrees with Mike and also suggests Luddams Ford

Peter- If you're interested how do we go forward?

Art- Gallant and Forge Pond Park are under Parks & Recreation, Luddams Ford would be under Conservation

See attached pictures

Dog Park Committee

Seth and John presenting on behalf of 8 members present. Looking for a partner as the dog park is recreational

Understand that Forge Pond Park and Ceurvels Field isn't the best locations, do you have any other suggestions?

John- There are usually two entrances to avoid dogs escaping the fence

Seth- Looking for partnerships

Mike- Who owns the land on Winter Street that you are interested in?

Donna- It is Town land

Mike- Doesn't feel a dog park will fit at any of the current fields/parks

Donna- What is the reason you don't want to have a Dog Park on any of the Park & Rec Fields? Wouldn't dogs being in a fenced park, end unleashed problems?

Michelle- What about parking since the park is so busy, just to keep in mind

Seth- Looking for a place that is accessible and not near residential areas, shady, water access

Mike- We will put this up for discussion when we have all our members present and will get back to you

John- dogpark.com is a great resource

Michelle- We understand Forge Pond Park is your first choice, but will you still consider Winter Street?

Seth- Yes, we will be exploring all options

Friends of Hanover Parks & Recreation Brick Update

April isn't in attendance to update the Committee, will put on December 1st agenda

Touch a Truck

Jay and Chris are here on behalf of the Professional Firefighters. Touch a Truck update, very successful. Goal was to raise money for Hanover Playgrounds. After expenses raised \$12,500 (they had approximately \$9000 of expenses to run the event). They'd like to start a revolving account since this is an annual event as well as help with the playgrounds. What direction does the Parks & Recreation Committee want to go? Curt did a study on the B. Everett Hall Playground as to what is needed to repair it, there's a lot of work that needs to be done, but we don't have an exact cost.

Mike- We need to find a price on repairs and improvements on the current playground

Kyle Isola- resident who is interested in playgrounds, not sure of politics not a lot of people go to B. Everett Hall Playground

Committee-Great idea, only problem is it is the home of camp so we would need something at B. Everett Hall Field. Maybe take out the toddler section and only repair the main section and repair just the equipment and put the money raised by Touch a Truck towards repairs or a new playground at Forge Pond Park.

Professional Firefighters need direction of where to put the funds towards

A gift account for a playground could be set up for a playground, if Kyle can work with residents to raise money and CPC can possibly match it this could be achievable.

Jay & Chris- Like where this is going, please let us know a plan and what direction to go with...please give us a ball park plan within the next month or so

Ryan Bruder- Eagle Scout Project

Update on his Eagle Scout Project (3 kiosk signs), scout master has approved. He is working on plans and final locations. See attached for examples and work done.

The three kiosks would be at Forge Pond Park (2) and at B. Everett Hall Field (1)

We will walk locations with Ryan when the time comes

Michelle- Please include the pamphlet attachment on the kiosks you make for flyers

South Shore Baseball Club

After speaking with Jason Trask he said they are only looking to run one week at Forge Pond Park this summer. He said if this summer is successful then they would be interested in adding additional weeks for summer 2017. They cannot accurately estimate how many kids they will have in attendance so I asked for years past numbers. Braintree had about 50 kids register and Hingham had about 100 kids/week. I also asked how many fields at Forge Pond Park they would be using. He said that would depend on the number of kids that register. -Mike-we can't compare to Hingham because we can't offer

indoor space, \$500 seems low, but do we let them get it off the ground at \$500 for the week and increase next year?

Steve-mentioned that at last meeting everyone felt that our fields are nicer and \$500 seems too low.

Mike- \$500 for first field, \$400 for second field, \$300 for third field

Mike makes MOTION, Steve seconds all in favor of fee for south shore baseball

Circuit Street Building Closing

Art has spoken with Mike about turning off the utilities at the Rec Center since we are not using the building and we do not want to pay for a building we are not using.

Everyone is okay with using the building as storage, but all utilities will be turned off.

Will reevaluate storage in spring

CPC Plan

Playgrounds-New and Current very important, list below of goals

1. Create and improve recreational space and fields in our Community
2. Improve existing playground and create a new playground
3. Create a splash pad at B. Everett Hall Field
4. Create a scenic Hanover Common at the entrance of B. Everett Hall Field

Miscellaneous Discussion

Art mentions the need to increase and make our summer programs stand out to compete with the YMCA, etc and a splash pad would be a huge draw (approx. \$25,000)

Talk of increasing summer camp price to cover splash pad cost and all other fees (example have one week session be \$125) Will discuss at December Meeting

Lauren updates everyone on the Harvest 5K held on October 24th at Forge Pond Park. It was very successful, we received amazing feedback. People are looking forward to the next 5k at the park.

Lauren presents marketing plan for Forge Pond Park. An amazing way to bring more people to Forge Pond Park could be to offer event packages for corporate outings, graduations, reunions, team building, weddings and vow renewals just to name a few ideas. Lauren has met with Julie Ellis of Chef's Table and we can come up with different catering packages, tent options, activities/entertainment options and rental fee so we can make a flyer to hand out to local businesses and anyone looking for space to rent for functions. Other ideas could be additional 5K races (ones that are in the trails, pavement only option, combination), wiffleball tournament, cornhole tournament, Family Fall Day (could include, hay rides, games, activities), Octoberfest, etc.

Talk of Middle School Cross Country meet, Committee decides to waive the fee because we were not charged to use the schools on rainy camp days

Art asks the Committee if they would support Ceurvels Field as a second location for the proposed street hockey rink if B. Everett Hall location is not successful, everyone thinks that is a great idea

Quarterly Budget Update, our current revenue amount from 7/1-9/30 is \$49,620. This means that after our successful summer we made enough of a profit to cover Lauren's salary and the Rec Center expenses until utilities are shut off with a little cushion.

Meeting Minutes:

Last meeting minutes reviewed, Steve makes a motion to accept the October 6, 2015 minutes and Michelle seconded it. All in favor.

Steve moves to adjourn. Michelle seconds the motion.

VOTE - All in favor

Adjournment at 10pm