

Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission

Monthly Meeting January 14, 2021 Via Zoom

In Attendance: Bob Edwards, Tim Moorehouse, Isaac Lombard, Celeste Lunetta, Joan Gorga (Joan entered meeting at approximately 8pm, was in attendance at another town meeting prior to that)

Minutes of Previous meeting accepted with grammatical corrections.

Gym Update:

Celeste updated group on progress of exterior door replacement, a project that will be cost shared with Conval School District.

T. Moorehouse offered to assist with installation of doors and with Rec Department mailboxes.

Shea Field Update:

Discussion of draft version agreement between school district and town. Changes advised to document. Celeste and Bob will pass those recommendations along to Donna. Donna, Tim, Celeste and Bob will meet with School district reps on Tuesday January 21.

Memorial Park:

Celeste updated group on walkway maintenance, which is being performed by town highway as part of snow removal efforts. Celeste advised that tennis net is still up, and is slated for replacement this season,

Group discussed re-introducing the discussions about out-master plan for Memorial Park, and replacing and improving Bandstand seating. Confirmed that group wants to maintain enough space for a band, but that current use of the bandstand involves people sitting in the rails, want to find a way to address that need. Tim Moorehouse offered to assist with carpentry.

Goodell Park: Nothing to report

Gregg Lake:

Discussion about the improvements desired to increase water protection, shade and shoreline plantings in dog and paddlecraft area, erosion control at Boat Launch. Discussion that it is not a priority to make the boat launch deeper, just more stable. Celeste will bring information about grant and other resources to the next meeting.

Tim will create some verbiage for the kayak rack, and will send the group some information about the system he is familiar with in Portland.

Walking Path:

Isaac has continued discussion with Peter Beblowski and the conservation commission about potential walking trail projects. Celeste will continue to research the recreational trail grant opportunities,

Budget Update:

Bob Edwards reported about the pressure for the town on Capitol Reserve Funding. The funding has been redistributed from requests this year in order to prepare for large upcoming Gregg lake Dam repair. Many department requests were reduced, or eliminated for FY2021. The Recreation capitol reserve request was reduced to 8K. The commission unanimously voted to support this measure in light of the current fiscal demands and infrastructure repairs pending.

Recreation Department Update:

Celeste describes upcoming events, including ice skating and family fun programming in the parks.

Celeste reported in Gym use by adult exercise programs and youth sports teams.

Celeste reported on a donation received by the town from Lisa Hennessey's employer, Matrix, in the amount of \$500. Celeste asked for permission to target this donation to a project at the beach, perhaps a play structure.

Celeste requested that the Richardson Trust request cover \$7,500 of the cost of summer program staffing and special supplies and extra chemical toilet needs that served summer programming in the parks. Commission approved.

Celeste requested clarification on commission members terms of service, and asked for some research to go into understanding that.

Celeste asked commissions opinion on the rec department getting involved in E-sports, if there is a demonstrated interest from the community, Commission agreed.

Celeste reported that Town Meeting will be held in the Gym this year.

Next Meeting will be on February 11 and March 4. Meetings will be via Zoom'

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes assembled by C.Lunetta