

Parks and Recreation
Town Hall
9/17/2018

Meeting Called to order 733PM

Present: Doug Thornton, Bob O'Shea, Joe Reynolds, Steve Victorson, Wyona Lynch McWhite.

Bob motioned to approve the August 20th minutes. Joe seconded. Passed 3-0.

Discussed new board positions.

Joe Reynolds motioned that Steve remains as secretary, Bob will become the beach liaison, Doug will be chair, Wyona will become treasurer and Joe will be the new field liaison.

Discussed our position as a board and need for clarification. Joe asked Doug to do the best he can to define our position within the town.

Bob, discussed state law on Parks and Rec. boards.

The board discussed the lack of communication from the town regarding our position.

Town Audit Report

Wyona discussed the town audit report.

The auditor did not do exactly what was asked.

The auditor did say that the annual sweeping of our account, was probably the biggest single cause of our problems.

Doug questioned is this level of audit going to get to the bottom of what was being questioned? He did not go through the 3 different accounts.

The 6/7k gap relates directly towards the 10% wage increase.

The auditor recommended that the town cover life guards under the omnibus budget and this will allow our fees to cover all remaining expenses.

Wyona, with new Unipay systems the problems with town accounting will become moot.

Joe, whether or not our request to get an understanding of the accounts was provided.

Wyona - We need to pull together the metrics on next years budget, but do not yet have Allie's report.

Discussed how to preplan all beach shifts for next year

Bob - there is an app that could help us to preplan all of the beach shifts for next year allowing us to budget lifeguards and come up with a budget. Bob will review this app and contact Allie.

Budget

Wyona

8603.00 available Water Front Safety Director

14,855.17 remaining in the beach account

Bob - we need to purchase sand for next season.

Ratta and national grid are now supposed to be paid by the town, but still coming from our account. We have reporting on bills through 8/27.

Ratta fees are in the wrong place.

48,415.00 - UniBank fees are now coming through.
No actions needed.

Discussed that town Muni Reports should be given to us in the form of a P&L.

CPC Funding requests

Bob will represent the board on Wednesday.

Three possible items

Finish final section of stone wall in front of the library, to be timed with the road work.
Softball field replacement
Stone patio between general store and church
Boat rental kiosk at the beach to make the beach more accessible and get rid of the lottery.

Wyona - Who requested the latest stone wall work and should we even worry about making such a request if it is now being done by someone else.

Fields and Turf Field Committee Presenting

Discussed the need for new fields. Bob reminded the board that the problems with the fields and the need for fields have been around for many years, prior to this board.

The board discussed the usage of fields and the temporary field needs during the school construction project.

Audience members (I did not get all of their names) - explained the purpose of the Broomfield Athletic committee and provides input. Discussed the problems with softball fields with the new HES school. Discussed the downside of having the inside of the track become turf, makes running on the track dangerous.

Stu Sklar explained the current state of the available land, including the parcel across from the general store, the Mill road land and the land on East Bare hill road, etc.

Jim Lee - Immediate problem with the loss of the two softball fields. Shouldn't the 54 million dollar school project have some money to put towards fields?

Dave Boisvert (Athletic Director)- If McCurdy was turfed it would become the game field for the 3 sports. Could not use for Spring practice as track would be using the field. Pond road would still be used for baseball and practice.

Dave Planchet - Discussed where to place a new field. The original proposal/thought was for pond road now, McCurdy considering McCurdy track field.

Steve commented that the new pond road asphalt will produce more poison and damage to the pond and wells than potentially any artificial field.

Dan Daly- Capacity planning. How was that done previously? You guys have the chance to be the great equalizer.

Karen Strickland - Has no preference of where, but wants to start raising money now. Needs to know which field.

Jenn - Taking away Ann Lee will impact softball throughout the town and that Tim Bragen's proposal would not work. You can make money off of these fields.

Bob - Let's get all of the data from the HAA representatives. Planning is done by the different town committees. The field Liaison needs to tighten things up and work with the athletic advisory board. Discussed the role of DPW and questioned the state of the fields.

Joe - This is a long term process. We have a problem with scheduling . Let's get the information so that we can discuss.

Daran - The maintenance requests this year are higher because of the current poor condition of some of the fields. Recommends North Turf. Reminded us that we also agreed to maintain the hillside along the 3rd base line once it was cleaned this past year. Can you meet us at 50% for Fall field maintenance? 3 quotes provided.

Wyona - What about the use of Devens fields? let's get all information in place. Thank you Daron for being proactive on the field maintenance and supporting the kids.

Wyona motioned that the Commission will vote to approve 50% of the annual baseball field maintenance costs. Doug requested that we pay our entire portion this Fall. Steve seconded. Passed 5-0.

Next, where can the Christmas trees be sold with the movie being shot this year.

Wyona - Can we approve the Christmas tree sale on the piece of land across from the general store?

Stu - Yes.

Daran, the new spot will work

Wyona, we will table the discussion on the Christmas tree until Daron returns at the next meeting.

Stu - Discussed the film project

Columbia Films has struck a deal with the store and town to use the land between the general store and church.

The film company will pay for the materials to redo the little common, up to the gravel driveway.

Discussed the dog statue

Bob - Who is watching this project? The bob cat is parked close to the big tree.

Wyona - We should contract the church.

Stu - Do we want vegetation versus stone?

Stu will manage putting a plan together from one of the local landscape architects to draw up a proposal: Designs, materials, grading and labor.

Beach

Wyona -

We received the transfer of funds for swimming lessons from community ed for 880.00 and a second check for 960.00.

Boat launch fees from August totaled 795.00.

Discussed how this money goes through Unipay and the town.

Final beach payroll is complete.

Packages for beach director.

Need to turn off the water.

Bob will bring boat to Cabellas and get it shrink wrapped and winterized.

New Business

Bob impounded a motor boat. Had 3 independent reports of dangerous driving and parking illegally.

Fishing tournament - They did not pay in Unipay or send a check.

Website should have more obvious fishing tournament link.

Doug - Linda sends away double booked fishing tournaments. She will get future scheduling emails regarding tournaments.

Wyona - but we have never double booked

BHRA rowing request for bond fire came through the old system.

Sept. 29th.

Wyona - Request to approve BAB request to have Ann end of season bonn fire.

Bob seconded. Passed 5-0.

The board discussed its position in the town under the town charter and what are our responsibilities and what is under our jurisdiction? We are getting a bad reputation for things that should or should not be under our control, but are being taken care of by others either without telling us or in our name.

Why didn't the school building committee discuss with this board the placement of the driveway for the new school? As it stands now, we are losing field space because of the current design.

Bob - Still paying for old website. Wyona - can only stop payment with Lorraine Leonards signature.

Joe are we using all land on Depot

Bob - what about across from Waite

Next meeting October 1st.