

Park Commission Meeting February 21, 2017

Present: Mary, Denice, John, Fred, Willa, Marti, Tom, Joey

John DeJulia from Central Valley -- guest

No Town Liaison

1. Minutes approved
2. Lawyers list - - topics that we'd like to discuss are the handling of alcohol; handling of incidents and harassment issues; and a general review of the Park Rules to ensure that we are creating a safe environment but not overstepping our bounds.
3. New Buidling – 2400 sq feet. Estimated cost \$170,000. Al Fusco recommended adding a kitchen as a new section stating it would be more cost effective than running piping into the old part. Joey asked that any footage used for the kitchen be added to the open section so that the end result of usable space is not decreased. This means 14feet will be added to the new section. He was also told that solar doesn't make sense. There is a chance that \$75 K might be reimbursable through grant community development grant money as the new construction will be ADA compatible.
4. Disc Golf – John DeJulia from Central Valley spoke to group about volunteering to give lessons. He is from the YMCA. He agreed to talk to Rick at the senior center the following day about his offer.
5. Kite Flying – John Smith has a name of someone who has done this and can provide some ideas. The Comimssioners agreed to plan this for after the Easter Egg Hunt. Joey will talk to the police about it.
6. Tennis Area – The group reviewed Bobby's drawings. The preferred draft was #1 but with some exercise equipment added. Joey will talk with Bobby about it. The golf putting greens need to be pitched so that they are slightly different from each other and offer more variety. Denice expressed concern about the danger of horseshoes and asked that separations or fencing be considered between lanes. Joey pointed out that if we ever need parking expansion, the roller rink can be dismantled relatively easily.

Parking is not a problem now but this came up in talking about future enhancements and if we need to add parking as we add new features.

7. Recycling – Until it is time to get a new contract, when Mr. Sutz can see that we get big receptacles for recycling, it was suggested we ask non profits in Town to take turns helping.
8. Winter Carnival – the Sky Lab that the Commissioners were interested in setting up cost \$400. Space inside is big enough for \$25 people at a time for 40 minutes. This means that if a lot of people are interested in it, the time the lab would stay open could be all day. The cost increases based on how long it is open. Commissioners felt this may end up too costly.
 - a. As an alternative the discussion turned to a spring fling event and combining more activities with the kite flying day. It could include Chalk Art; Jump Rope; Hopscotch and Double Dutch
9. Safety Training – Denice and Fred reported on the training. There was a suggestion by Mary that a mirror be installed so that anyone working in the office can see who enters the door and that a panic button be installed.
10. Gasho – all the buildings are down. There is still a pile of refuse. The area will remain wooded. The Commissioners agreed that before new ideas for the land are entertained the town take care of the spaces we already have.
11. Old Business – Denice asked that we get a progress report on the security plans that have been discussed over the past year. Joey agreed to ask for one. The John Burke pancake breakfast raised \$1200. April 22 is clean up day. The applications for John Burke scholarships have been sent and they are due April 15.
12. No new business