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Present: Commission Chairman Mark Ketley, Commissioners, Kevin O'Brien, Anne Richards, Joe Burke, Bryan Dedrick and Steve Pierce, Parks and Recreation Director. Also in attendance was Gino Legaz. Chairman Ketley called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Minutes

Chairman Ketley made a motion to amend the December minutes to include the votes cast by commissioners, in addition to vote totals as previously reflected in the minutes. Regarding the 4-0 vote to approve the minutes of the September meeting, Commissioners Dedrick, Richards, Ketley, O'Brien voted in favor, Commissioner Burke abstained. Regarding the 3-1 vote to approve Commissioner Ketley as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Commissioners Burke, O'Brien and Dedrick voted in favor, Commissioner Richards voted against, Commissioner Ketley abstained. Commissioner Richards seconded Chairman Ketley's motion to include the names of Commissioners that voted at the December meeting. That motion was approved 5-0, with Commissioners Ketley, O'Brien, Richards, Burke and Dedrick voting in favor.

Parks and Grounds Update

Steve Pierce provided the Commission with a report on several topics.

- The staff is tryout out a new liquid de-icer on sidewalks in the interest of reducing damaging salt and chemicals that get tracked into buildings and damage carpets and floors.
- Staff is working on maintenance and repairs of machinery to be used in the summer
- Rec basketball season is underway and going well
- Comstock Community Center Committee met and discussed security issues
- Pickleball equipment has been ordered
- Staff met on department efforts to improve social media communications

Facility Use

Steve Pierce reported that he had discussed with the staff the possibility of overseeing adult league soccer that is played on Lilly field in the evenings. The Commission discussed the practicalities and philosophy of managing adult league play, in particular as it relates to monitoring residency of participants. The commission also discussed this subject as it pertains to adult league baseball. Steve will ask WBSA to provide tryout and participation data regarding the residency status of adult league participants.

July 4th

Steve Piece led a discussion on revenue losses on the July 4th event. Steve reported that there has been an increasing and significant amount of people avoiding payment for July 4th festivities. By walking in to the school area rather than parking in official lots, people are not paying for attendance at the fireworks. This has resulted in the event running at a loss. Steve also noted the staff, which works very hard at the event, is very frustrated by the willful avoidance of payment by large numbers of people. Steve will discuss this situation with the selectman as plans are considered for this July 4th.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, Commissioner Ketley moved to adjourn at 9:10. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with Commissioners Ketley, O'Brien, Richards, Burke and Dedrick voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Dedrick

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