

Town of Lunenburg Park Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Monday February 24, 2020

DPW

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1. Karin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Attendance: Karin Menard Susanna Jewell, John Palumbo, Kayla Wright
2. Susanna motioned and John seconded to approve the January 2020 meeting minutes - approved 3-0.
3. Recreation Director / DPW Director Updates

Kayla updated the commission that she has programming starting in April and that she is working on some community style events. She said that she is working on finalizing things with MyRec and that there wouldn't need to be a tech fee since the Town IT department wasn't involved. She said she is now working with the town on determining if the recommended payment platform by MyRec can be used. Susanna asked if residents could still walk in and pay with cash or check and Kayla said they could. Kayla said that she would start having set office hours starting next month to make herself available to residents who wish to pay this way. Kayla also said she is putting the final details on a brochure with all of the activities. John said she did a great job on the new logo and Susanna and Karin agreed. Susanna asked if she would be putting the information out on any social media platforms and she said she would have Jack put it out on the DPW Facebook page. John asked if the Park Commission had thought about having their own Facebook page. Karin told Kayla she has her support if she wants to create a Facebook page and the others agreed.

Karin motioned and Susanna seconded the Park Commission supporting Kayla creating a Facebook page if she chose too. Approved 3-0.

Kayla said she also met with the Superintendent of Schools and thought it went well. She said they talked about mutual usage and not charging for outside use for the first year and would see how things go. She said that if indoor space was needed there would be a custodial fee. Karin thought it was worth a try as the Park Commission has more to gain than lose in working with the schools.

4. Skate park discussion

Karin updated the group that Skate Park Committee was moving ahead with plans for a park next to TCPassios. John said that he was not a fan of this location and questioned why the Board of Selectman didn't give more thought to other locations or why there was no community involvement in this decision. Karin told John that the Park Commission had no say in the TCPassios location and felt there was still a considerable number of concerns. Susanna said that this student led Genius Hour project seemed to be moving away from being student run and more adult run and that she felt that the BOS may have gotten caught up with the fact that this was presented by a group of well intentioned students so didn't do the do diligence needed before approving this location. Susanna mentioned that the Skate Park Committee had already gone to the state to look at funding and that she felt strongly that the Board of Selectman needs to look at this again as it feels like a run away train. Karin agreed and added that the Commission has met with the Skate Park multiple times and the concerns of the Commission never get addressed. Karin also pointed out that the advertisements

are still saying a park more than double of what the Commission already said it would support and that the needs of the Town should be focused on and not creating a destination space for residents from out of town.

Susanna motioned and John seconded to send the following to the Board of Selectmen:

The Park Commission does not support the Skate Park being built in the area adjacent to the TCPassios building. We are in the process of exploring a master plan for the renovation of Marshall Park and would be open to exploring the incorporation of a 5,000 square foot skate park into that plan should either the Board of Selectman or the 01462 Skate Park Committee want a future skate park to fall under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission.

Approved 3-0

Karin said she would make sure that got over to the Chair of the Board of Selectman.

5. Town Beach - 2020 Beach Season including fees -

Kayla presented a plan that would increase beach fees by \$2.

Karin motioned and Susanna seconded to approve fee schedule as presented - approved 3-0.

Kayla also said she has not come across anything regarding swim lessons. Karin said that there really wasn't much that she was aware of and that the Beach Coordinator collected name and then created classes from there. Kayla asked if she should start from scratch and Susanna said she should.

6. Fields

Phillies have contacted us to use the 90' diamond at Marshall Park for their 2020 season. Kayla is working with him and she recommends going up to \$1500. She said that it appears there are only a handful of Lunenburg residents on their roster.

John motioned and Susanna seconded to charge the Phillies \$1500 for the use of the 90' diamond at Marshall Park for their 2020 season with the same parking guidelines in place from last year. Approved 3-0.

John mentioned to Kayla that the fencing at Marshall needs to be addressed as the batting cage has edge popping out creating a hazard and there is a toppling main fence opposite of batting cages.

8. Other business

- a. Other business matters that may legally come before the board not known at the time of posting - none
- b. Correspondence, Announcements and Public and Board Comment -

Drew Tobin made a public comment in hopes to get support for his Eagle Scout project. Drew is looking to put up 2-3 bat houses in parks around town. He said that the houses would need to go on a building or a post at a minimum of 16' high. The commission thought this was a great project and gave their full support.

Karin motioned and Susanna seconded to allow Drew Tobin to install 2-3 bat houses on Park property with locations, once decided upon, also being approved by the Recreation Director and/or DPW Director.

9. Next meeting date March 23 at 6:30pm.

10. John motioned and Susanna seconded to adjourn at 8:47pm. Approved 3-0.