

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

October 5, 2016

Present: Rita Furlong and Maddy Elovirta

Absent: Tina Levasseur

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM in the Becket Room at the Becket Town Hall.

The minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting were approved.

The treasury balance was \$9,750.

Old business:

Michela Defoe was interested in coming back as head lifeguard for 2017. Moses is uncertain at this time Trae Balardini is interested in coming back as a beach gate guard. Hunter Le Broe is an unknown at this time. Ten to fifteen young people took part in the swimming program. Over 30 youngsters were enrolled and participated in the summer park program, with a total of 15 to 20 each day. It was voted to change the age of the summer park program to 6 years to 12 years of age for participants.

Moving the porta botty closer to the Pavilion was discussed. The cement pad at the beach area needs to be enlarged. Overall the consensus was that the beach swimming program, the summer park program and the beach gate guards were all successful.

The play scape for the Becket Center Park is on tract. By the summer season of 2017 the play scape should be installed and functioning.

New business:

Additional lighting for the Becket Center Park was discussed. Maddy will call Burke Electrical for a price. Also a flood light will be added to the end of the pavilion aimed at the new play scape.

The motion to repair the stone wall at the Becket Center Park passed. \$3,000 will be set aside for this repair. Maddy will get prices for the repair work.

The motion to pay half of the bill to replace the score board at the Becket Center Park was passed. Approximately \$2,000 was set aside for the repair. The picnic table at the North Becket Park is not salvageable and a new one will be ordered in the spring. Bill Elovirta will look at the wooden equipment to see what needs to be repaired. Rita will paint the parts that can be done before winter settles in.

Much discussion was held regarding offering a Hatha Yoga class at the Becket Town Hall on Wednesday mornings. It was voted to start the program with a 5-week program to see if there is any interest. It will be taught by John Wall of Hancock, MA. The committee voted also to subsidize the program. All participants will pay \$2.00 for each session that they attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelaine Z. Elovirta