

# **Franklin Recreation Commission**

## **Minutes of November 1, 2017**

- \* Meeting called to order by Secretary Hiscox, 7:35 PM
- \* Visitors, None present
- \* Minutes from the September 6, 2017 meeting were distributed. Jeff R motioned to accept the minutes as presented. This Motion was seconded by Lee J and passed without further discussion or dissent.
- \* Treasurers Report – Based on the lack of a new Budget we have \$13,750
  - \* Rich H reported that through October 30th the Commission;
    - \* Spent \$1,723.17 or 12.5%
    - \* Available \$12,026.83 or 87.5%

Further he reported that all expenses to date were for Electricity, Port-O-Johns, and water testing. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Lee J and seconded by Jeff R. The Motion passed without further discussion or objection.

- \* Additions to Agenda – None
- \* Old Business
  - \* Rich H reported that one of the three Port-O-Johns was removed by CT Portables the week of 9/11 in order to reduce costs.
- \* New Business
  - \* Rich H reported that Alden Minor had called the previous Saturday evening with two topics;

1, to inquire on who empties the garbage at the soccer/softball field on the School property. Rich explained to him that as far as the Softball field was concerned he had basically been removing the garbage for the last 20 years. Alden was surprised that the Town wasn't responsible for this task. It turned out that there was apparently a large wind storm the Tuesday prior to the call and trash was spread all over. Rich apologized and informed Alden he had just returned home today after being out of state for the last 8 days. If there was trash that went uncollected and tended to he was sorry and would look into it. Rich reported that he went to the fields on Sunday morning, before another large wind/rain storm moved in and policed the area completely including emptying the trash can near the parking area placed there by the school.

2, to report that there "may" have been an injury to someone utilizing the BB court. This possible injury had been reported to Alden by "a woman" who contacted him. Unfortunately when asked questions and pressed for details the report (from Alden) kept changing, ending with a frustrated statement that he wasn't aware we had installed chain nets on the court. Rich reported that he also looked into this on Sunday and someone had purposely tied & tangled one of the chain nets so a ball would not pass through it. This was apparent as nylon netting needed to be cut away and the chain netting needed to be reworked with needle nosed pliers correcting where and how pieces were bound together in order to return the net to a usable condition for BB as intended.

\* Jeff R submitted a letter to Rich H requesting use of the FES Gym for BCF Cal Ripken Baseball on Sundays 2-4:00 PM, from 1/19 - 4/29. Rich immediately pointed out the gym was already reserved during those hours but was available from 4-6:00 PM. Jeff asked that his request be changed accordingly. Stating a COI would be forthcoming.

\* Safety Issues – One of the trees we have been complaining about for two years came down in the storm on Monday. It damaged the slide on the new Playscape, the BB backboard closes to the Playscape, and demolished one of the original benches around the Playscape. The 1/2 of the tree that came down broke off exactly where the Arborist had said it would. The remaining 1/2 of the tree is now even more of a concern. Further the 3rd base dugout on the SLBB field is also blown over.

\* Correspondence

\* Nothing of concern or consequence.

Motion to adjourn by Lee J seconded by Todd H – motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Attendees; Rich Hiscox, Lee Johnson, Todd Hastings, and Jeff Rathbun

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