

APPROVED

East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2017

Members in attendance – Phillip Heinz, Robert Fitch, Cristin O’Donnell, Michael Blanchard, Jack Zeilenga, Paul Winters

Meeting called to order 7:17 PM

- Approval of minutes from June 12 tabled until next meeting.
- Financial overview
 - Three bills have currently been paid.
 - Unknown how much money in old checks was unable to be cashed. Bob is going to check with Don to find out the number.
 - Two lacrosse nets were purchased by Bob, to be reimbursed.
- Phillip updated the board on most recent Select Board meeting.
 - Select Board will not ask town clear tree limbs and bushes away from exit from the Recreation Field. EM Recreation Department is responsible.
- Phillip updated the board on a discussion with Bruce Johnson regarding separation.
 - Cannot set up a hybrid non-profit/town organization as an option, unless there is a boosters club or a similar group made up of non-board members.
- Discussion on whether Bob can work with the town to get check signing rights by becoming a town employee in his role on the Recreation Board. Bob indicated, and it is the understanding of the board that this is not possible. The only role Bob could potentially have would be as a “liaison” between the Recreation Board and the town in a more official capacity. He will get more clarifying information, but this seems unlikely to be pursued now.
- Soccer
 - Phillip is looking for someone to help him manage the soccer program this fall, ideally not another board member.
 - The board was asked for ideas of community members who might be interested or have expressed an interest in coaching soccer this season.
- Recreation Field clean up
 - The board did a full walk through of the Recreation Field to take note of clean up and improvements that need to be considered or made.
 - Baseball field

- Need additional fill
 - Upgrade/rebuild pitching mound
 - Repair/replace fence by home dugout and put up sign on fence indicating “no soft toss.”
 - Remove chain post and chain near batting cage
 - Repair bleachers on home and visitor sides
- Softball field
 - Remove large ant hill near first base side of field
 - Cut back overgrowth down the right field line
 - Cut overgrowth back to poplar trees behind home dugout/home plate to open area for addition of picnic tables or open space for use by teachers/children.
- Soccer field
 - Clear brush behind fields to reset edge up to swampy area. Keep this area open by having it mowed.
 - Move/repair two large soccer goals.
 - Bob to explore sand-blasting and painting.
 - Purchase new nets
 - Level field?
 - Repair/replace fence between parking area and soccer field.
 - Potentially add a fence that is higher
 - Replace storage shed
- Tree line between Recreation Field and East Montpelier Elementary property
 - Weed whack area to clear overgrowth around trees, open space.
 - Board members will sign up on a monthly calendar to take turns keeping area clean during spring and summer months.
- Discussion about overgrowth of bushes, weeds, and poison ivy on the fence between the parking area and Vincent Flats Road.
 - Will research cost to have area trimmed and cleaned up to potentially request funding from Select Board.
 - Taking down the trees, bushes, and chain fence for added parking also discussed.
 - Finding a way to add electricity to the field discussed.
 - Would allow for use of electric pitching machines during baseball season.
 - Power could be run to concession stand, allowing for more opportunities.
 - Long term vision of adding field lights?

Meeting adjourned 8:52 PM

Next meeting to be held on August 14, 2017 at 7:15 PM, East Montpelier Elementary School.