



Warner Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2017
APPROVED

Mike Cutting opened the meeting at 6:06 pm.

Committee members in attendance: Mike Cutting, Martha Mical, David Minton, Martha Bodnarik, Kimberley Edelmann, Jonathan Lord, Pete Newman

Also present: Apryl Blood

1. Parks & Recreation Commission

- A. Parks & Rec. member Apryl Blood reported the tennis back-stop was rebuilt. She said a tree was also removed that should have been handled by the Public Works Department but was paid from the Parks & Rec. budget.
- B. Trash can lid replacements were purchased for \$500. They are heavy duty lids and due to so much vandalism, 6 or more were vandalized last year. Apryl said it's frustrating because there are camera's with back-up information, there was more damage done in the spring, but every report that is made to the Police Department the Commission never receives any information on follow-up. Apryl said she spoke with the Police Chief who said he would send Officer Tokarz. Apryl said we have video's of kids pulling off the roofing on the dug-outs. The camera's are picking up who is doing the damage but she said we never get any community service or money back for the damage. Apryl said the Police always say we will look into it, she said Officer Tokarz was supposed to come look at the video and nothing has happened. Apryl said she talked with the Police and told them it takes more than the Commission members, we need enforcement on what is reported.

Apryl said they reported license plate numbers to the Police when a vehicle was doing donuts in the parking lot and a plate number was provided when the infield fence was broken this year and still nothing from the Police. The camera's were purchased to help prevent the vandalism. **Kimberley said she will speak to the Police Chief about these concerns.** Apryl said she spoke with Officer Carter who said he knew the person involved and would talk with them.

- C. Mike asked if the gates are locked at night. Apryl said no and Mike asked why. Apryl said it would cost more money for people to come and lock the gate. Martha B. recommended the Police lock the gates every night. Apryl is frustrated with the lack of Police follow-up.
- D. Mike asked Apryl what else is going on. Apryl said the big projects are the baseball fields this year. There are now 2 official softball fields and 2 baseball fields. The hope is to have tournaments.
- E. Skate rink is another large expense, \$1,500 was budget and the actual expense is about \$3,000. The panels are being rebuilt and the liner will be repaired with duct tape, a new liner will need to be purchased next year. A shed was also constructed with a lock because the snow blower was chained and locked outside to a post and was still stolen, it's now chained inside the locked shed. At this time there are no camera's installed at Bagley Field. Apryl said if this year is a good skating season, there will be leagues from all over the state skating at the rink. Martha B. asked if they are charged? Apryl said no, charging a fee hasn't been looked at because someone has to run that aspect. Apryl said typically, when the ice is not ready to be used the gates are closed, but, someone ignored the signage and used the rink and ended up ripping the liner.

- F. David asked what the cost was for the camera's at Riverside Park. Apryl said \$2,100 to do 2 new camera's, but she only wants to purchase one camera and move another, so the cost should be \$300 less. A repair is needed on one of the camera's.
- G. Silver Lake septic tank will be pumped, there is no record of the system being pumped for at least 10 years. The systems at Riverside and Silver Lake are now on a maintenance schedule.
- H. A new net is on order for the tennis court. The courts are also being used as a dog park. She said there is a lot of dog issues at Riverside in general, a sign was recommended.
- I. Mike said Apryl voiced to this Committee about what little support is provided by the Police Department and asked if they even drive down to Riverside Park as a police presence? Apryl said sometimes, last year when there was a lot of vandalism the Police patrolled once a day but it only lasted for maybe a month and then the patrols stopped.
- J. Apryl will be budgeting for handi-cap porta potties next year.
- K. Kimberley asked Apryl if there has been any drug activity noticed and Apryl said no. Grounds maintenance (Alan Piroso) checks the fields on his work days and hasn't noticed anything as well. This growing season the fields are being mowed twice a week.
- L. The tennis courts will need to be resurfaced in a couple of years. The court cannot be used in the summer time because it's too hot. The courts at the college are utilized. David said you can't use the courts in the early morning or late evening either because the courts were positioned incorrectly.
- M. Mike asked Apryl what will be presented in their 2018 budget. Apryl said camera's, handi-cap porta potties, she said she'll put the camera's in the budget every year until she gets them. Martha M. asked are the camera's being left off because something else comes up or because someone else is reducing the budget. Apryl said someone else is removing the cost from her budget, last year that cost was removed and not by her.
- N. Apryl said she is pretty sure the fields will be rolled next year at no cost.
- O. Apryl said Parks & Rec. would like to add a part-time seasonal person for 200 hours. Apryl has been keeping a log of her hours, she worked 200 hours herself. Apryl feels there is a liability issue when Alan is working by himself. She will budget \$2,600 for the part-time seasonal position. Martha M. asked if any parents help out. Apryl said yes and no, it's always put out there, but no one shows up. She said she has trouble getting the Commission members to meet as well. Kimberley encouraged Apryl to utilize their Facebook page for volunteers. **Kimberley said she will email Apryl the RSAs pertaining to Parks & Rec. as well as to the Budget Committee members.**
- P. There will be a 12x14 shed purchased and set-up for about \$5,000 at Riverside which will be in the 2018 budget.
- Q. The Snack Shack will need to be re-done and will be submitted through the Capital Improvements Program.
- R. Apryl will be meeting with the Treasurer to go over their revolving account. Apryl is also the Treasurer for Parks & Rec. and Mike noted then there are no checks and balances and Apryl explained that she receives approval from the members through email. Kimberley said any emails where a decision has been made are subject to RSA 91C, they are now public record. Martha M. told Apryl to print off the emails and keep a record of them. Apryl said the information is also in the meeting minutes.

2. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Recorder of the minutes: Mary Whalen