

AVON PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Commissioners: Barbara Littlefield, Chairwoman
Carl Fischer, Vice -Chairman
Mike Lawler, Stephen McCarthy, Dan Hart

DECEMBER 6, 2016

Avon Park and Recreation met at 6:30 with members Carl Fischer, Barbara Littlefield, Mike Lawler and Dan Hart present.

Minutes from the November 15th meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.

FIELDS/PLAYGROUNDS

The Commission met with Kevin Meaney and Dennis Olszewski from the Avon Little League board at 7:00. Kevin is concerned that our fields are not prepared in the Fall as other towns do. He was advised that P&R is working with the DPW on the matter. DPW is looking in to purchasing an infield groomer from ABI. P&R also explained that we are working on an Article for next town meeting, requesting that the balance left in the Crowley backstop account be re-purposed to be used on the Crowley fields. The board informed Kevin that we are in the process of having the doors on the shed at Crowley replaced. Kevin stated that they should be replaced with metal doors due to vandalism in the area. LL also wanted to discuss the water problem at Crowley fields but that issue is something P&R can not discuss at this time. LL would be interested in helping out with the purchase of field equipment. Also discussed was future hopes for the town fields. Kevin would like to see work done on the batting cages.

After the beginning of the year P&R will setup a joint meeting with the DPW, high school AD and Little League.

TEEN PROGRAM

Jennifer Mayo was appointed by the Selectmen as the Teen Program director.

Barbara is waiting to hear back from the PawSox regarding their schedule and tickets. The Providence Bruins sent her their schedule. The Commission decided that the Teen Program will sponsor a teen trip to the Prov. Bruins on February 12th. The game starts at 3:05 and the tickets are \$18.00 each. Dan is contacting their rep to see if he can get a better price.

Carl motioned that positions as Teen program councilors be posted. Mike 2nd the motion with all members in favor.

FY2018 BUDGET

The Commissioners reviewed the FY2018 budget Carl has been working on. The members also reviewed Carl's calculations justifying creating a Youth Coordinator position. Also discussed was projected costs for field upgrades. The \$21,443 left in the Crowley back stop account would be used on the high school softball field and Crowley field #1. An additional \$10,000 would be needed for Crowley field #2.. P&R will prepare an Article for next town meeting, requesting \$20,000.00 to be used on Butler field.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on December 20th at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Geary, Secretary

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