

North Smithfield Parks & Rec Commission

Meeting Minutes 2/23/15

Members present: Phil Paul, Robert Cesario, Peter Dowling, Marc Gagnon, Rob Skinner and Ray Pendergast. Members Excused: George Dys and Anthony Soly.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Meeting discussions:

Minutes from meeting of 11/24/15, were not available. They will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Election of Officers: Officers for the 2015 -2016 Commission Appointment period were unanimously approved. Phil Paul Chairman, George Dys Vice Chairman, Marc Gagnon Secretary.

A motion was made and passed to formally thank Brian Barry and Tony Deller for their years of service to the Commission.

Old Business:

Dog Park: Discussion was held about the wish to have a dog park in Town. It was noted that Smithfield is in the process of setting up a dog park.

New Business:

Pacheco Park Initiative: Discussion was held about the potential of a Town resident purchasing the house next to the current entrance of Pacheco Park. If the house was demolished and that land was made available to the Town, it could potentially be purchased with "Open Space Funds". This could allow for a significant improvement to the Park entrance.

An Eagle Scout project was discussed. This project would bring improvements to the Flag pole Area of the Park and would incorporate improvements to the Memorial area dedicated to former N.S. Little League participants whose lives ended too early.

As part of our Parks improvement it was noted that several out of town traveling teams are requesting permits for various fields. A more detailed review will be done at an upcoming Commission meeting.

A discussion was held concerning insurance coverage for Park events like Little League Field Day. Ray will review coverage with the Interlocal Trust.

Capital Budget Request: Pay Pendergast reviewed the request going before the Capital Budget committee. It included request for Field improvements (Field one), Resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts at Pacheco and a sand pro machine.

Easter Egg Hunt: While tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, it was noted that due to current snow pack on all Town fields, this date was tentative at best. It was determined that Phil Paul and Ray Pendergast would monitor the situation and keep the Commission members informed of a possible new date.

Motion made by Marc Gagnon, seconded by Phil Paul to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.