

North Smithfield
Parks & Recreation Commission
Town Hall Conference Room
One Main Street, Slatersville, RI
6:30 PM – January 25, 2016

Minutes

1) Call to Order 6:30 PM

Roll Call: Robert Cesario, Marc Gagnon, George Dys, Mike Desrochers, Ray Pendergast. Guest: Paulette Hamilton, Ann Lilley. Excused: Rob Skinner + Peter Dowling.

2) Approval of Minutes (11/30/15) Motion passed.

3) Old Business

a) Pacheco Park Initiative, Field Work:

Upgrades to the in-field on Field A were postponed until April 1st.
Anticipated Opening Day for Little League is April 30th.

b) Dog Park – update:

Some members of the Commission had explored the possibility of using the “top corner” of Pacheco Park (located under the pine trees beyond Field B) as a possible location. Pay Pendergast pointed out that location will actually be an exit area for the walking trail. So that location cannot be used for a dog park.

There was preliminary discussion about an area of land at the end of the cul de sac on Park Drive. This land is owned by the Town and discussion was held about the potential use of this area for a senior league

field, perhaps another softball field and dog park area. Further review of the available land will be done when weather permits.

c) Tennis Courts at High School

This RFP has been approved the expected cost to undertake repairs is \$38,000. Will be done as soon as weather permits with an anticipated date before the Spring Tennis season.

d) Administrators' Initiatives

Town Administrator Paulette Hamilton explained that she would like to see more programs made available to various populations, some could use Scouters Hall. As a suggestion Scouters Hall could be used for expanded daytime use for Senior programs, or opening at night for things like "Open Mike Night." Linda Thibault will be inviting to the next Parks & Recreation commission to discuss programs for seniors in more detail.

4.) New Business

a) Pacheco Park Walking Trail

Ray Pendergast explained that the walking trail being constructed by Town employees in the land immediately adjacent to the Park will be open in the spring.

b) Parks & Recreation budget has been submitted to the Budget Committee

c) East Egg Hunt

Tentative time frame is Saturday March 19th at 11:00. This of course will depend upon weather conditions. Ray will check with the City of Woonsocket to determine when they will be scheduling their egg hunt. Donations will be sought for candy purchase. Final decision regarding the schedule will be done at the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

5) Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm