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TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE PLAYGROUND & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date and time of Meeting: August 9, 2023, 7:00 PM

Meeting venue: Northbridge Town Hall

Attendees:

Playground & Recreation (P and R) Board Members:

- ◇ Mike Dempsey, Chairman
- ◇ Karen Rogers
- ◇ Pascale Zayas

Mike Proto, former Chairman

Mike Haslam – resigned – as not present.

Agenda:

1. Swings
2. Linwood update
3. DPW update
4. Approval of June 28, 2023 minutes
5. Meeting on August 8, 2023 – field scheduling and School Dude
6. Ribbon cutting ceremony
7. Open spots, requiring Play & Rec representation on Open Space and Community Preservation Committee

Meeting started at 7:03 PM.

1. **Swings:**

- a. In at Linwood and Tot Lot
 - i. At Tot lot: belt, bucket, belt, bucket
 1. Will ask DPW to change to belt, belt, bucket, bucket
 - ii. DPW will store extra swings and over the winter

2. **Linwood Update:**

- a. Tracking ahead of schedule.
 - i. Expect to be completed end of September. With two weeks to cur4e, should be able to host ribbon cutting ceremony the second or third week in OCT.
 - ii. Satellite source for WiFi for cameras.

3. **DPW update:**

- a. P and R will provide monthly report to DPW
 - i. March put out swings
 - ii. DPW covers cost of infield soil
 - iii. Playground sand for Jessica Way and Beech Street
 - iv. Mowing schedule includes Beech Street – off of McArthur
 - v. Blue Beam to drop all parks for which P and R is responsible
 - vi. (2) bike racks at DPW – check with Jamie – can we put them at Linwood?
 - vii. Need to remove fence at NES

4. **Approval of June 28, 2023 minutes:**

- a. Mike motion to approve. Karen 2nd. All in favor.

5. **Meeting on August 8, 2023 – field scheduling and School Dude:**

- a. Scott and Sharon updated scheduling site.
- b. Anyone can use the fields
 - i. Requests from higher % of in-town players gets 1st preference
 - ii. Working with Legal on policy statement
- c. Usage fees
 - i. \$10 resident; \$15 non-resident; NPS no usage fees
 - ii. Amps \$30 day

6. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

- a. Awaiting Jamie Marcoux confirmation of team participation
- b. Will be the 14th or 21st of October. Leaning toward 21st.

7. **Open spots on Open Space/Rec plan and Community Preservation Committee**

- a. Pas Open Space/Rec plan
- b. Karen Community Preservation Committee, as Mike is joining softball committee

8. **Bills to pay**

- a. \$500 50 in-town ch8ldren – French River
 - i. Waive fee as they weren't aware of fees
 - ii. Mike motioned to approve; Karen 2nd. All in favor.
- b. \$200 paid for French River, as conflict with field reservation – they didn't go through P and R. Baseball was already approved for field, so French River was moved to turf field. Funding waived – P and R paid for them.
 - i. Mike motioned to approve. Karen 2nd. All in favor.
- c. June, July, and August – Chase Harris, port-a-potty
 - i. \$761.12 – Linwood, Plummers Park
 - ii. \$310.00 – event July 2022

1. Karen motioned to approve. Mike 2nd. All in favor.
- d. Simonetta – NES and Jessica Way, \$1,145.00.
 - i. \$980 – July – mow and weed whack
 - ii. \$165 – mow and weed whack
 1. Mike motioned to approve. Karen 2nd. All in favor.
- e. Golf Course Management – NES – paid monthly – *2024 forecasted amount*
 - i. 2024, \$8,680.00 – aeration, seeding, fertilizer
 - ii. Only lawn care and maintenance - \$15,500
- f. Per Board of Selectmen –
 - i. Buy screen dragger and nail dragger for NES - \$1,500 max
 1. Mike motioned to approve; Karen 2nd. All in favor.
- g. Linwood aeration - \$5,760.00 – *2024 forecasted amount*
 - i. Mike motioned to approve. Karen 2nd. All in favor.

Next meeting scheduled for September 12, 2023 t 7:00 PM at Northbridge Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

