Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Village Pizza, 353 Route 165
7:00 pm

Call to Order/Roll Call
Chairman Farinha called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members present: Antonio Farinha, Dan Coley, Gary Deveau, Patricia Jankowski, Tom Turner,
Members excused: Kim Koniecko, Paul LoPresti, David Przygoda, David Verhasselt
Members absent:
Alternates present: Roberta Charpentier
Also present: Amy Brosnan, Director, Roberta Charpentier, recorder,

Playground
Chairman Farinha stated that the town crew has pulled out and removed the old Playscape.
A large amount of wood chips need to be removed.
The new Playscape will be ordered next week and will be delivered within 6 to 8 weeks.
A request for volunteers has been posted to the Parks & Recreation website.
After everything is cleaned out the company will come to auger all the needed holes.
April 18th and 19th the Playscape will be built with a Community Build.

Budget 2020-2021
A. Brosnan stated that the 1st Selectwoman told her salary increases would be 2%
A. Brosnan noted that the Office/Program Assistant will be going from Step 3 to Step 4 which
will increase her hourly rate.
  ➢ All other salaries – 2% increase
  ➢ Senior Activities – reduce by $500
  ➢ Transportation – increase by $150
  ➢ Maintenance – increase by $3,000
    ➢ Due to waiting a year the price of the Playscape increased by $2,000
    ➢ Community Build Supervisor’s salary - $3,500
    ➢ Wood chips, sonotubes and concrete - $1500
    ➢ Holes drilled for sonotubes - $5250
    ➢ Courts need to be repaired

Chairman Farinha noted that the park is old and needs several repairs.
The Commission will do a walkover at the Park. Write a list of repairs needed to present to the BoS.

A. Brosnan noted that basic costs at the Park do not leave too much extra money for other needs like new fence, clay, etc. Basic upkeep includes:

➢ Internet
➢ Electricity
➢ Alarms
➢ Landscaping/grass work
➢ Winterizing/de-winterizing
➢ Port-a potty, dumpster
➢ Rolling fields

All other line items remained the same as last year.
Total request - $114,370.00

Public Comment
Andy Depta, Preston resident asked how P&R accounts for their revenues and expenses.
A. Brosnan and Chairman Farinha answered that the P&R uses QuickBooks.

A. Depta noted that Preston has a town Ordinance from 1968 that established a Capital non-recurring fund for Parks & Recreation.

Adjournment
A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder