

**Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
February 23, 2021
Teleconference
7:00 pm**

Call to Order/Roll

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members present: Tom Turner, Dan Coley, Gary Deveau, Katie Iozzia, Paul LoPresti, Rachel Tucker

Members excused: Kim Demara, Patricia Jankowski, Mikel Brockway

Members absent:

Alternates present: Roberta Charpentier

Also present: Amy Brosnan, Director, Roberta Charpentier, recorder

Chairman Turner seated R. Charpentier in place of M. Brockway

Public Comment

None

Meeting Minutes

- **January 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by D. Coley to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by P. LoPresti to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out

1. Received email from the Board of Finance requesting an Annual Report due by March 19th
2. Received correspondence from the bank that 6 month CD will be mature on March 2nd

Unfinished Business

- **Pavilion & Field Use Fees**

A. Brosnan suggested leaving fees for Pavilion use as is and just addressing the Field Use Fees.

A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau that the 2020 rates to rent the Pavilion remain the same for 2021. Preston resident ½ day is \$75.00, full day is \$125.00, security deposit is \$100.00. non-resident ½ day is \$125.00, Full day is \$225.00, security deposit is \$200.00

All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by K. Iozzia and seconded by P. LoPresti that the Field Use fees remain at \$25.00 per hour and increase the maximum per day rate from 6 hours to to 8 hours for a fee of \$200.00 per day.

All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Soccer Field**

A. Brosnan asked Chairman Turner to read the contract between CT RUSH East and Preston Parks & Recreation.

A. Brosnan noted that the contract has to be sent to the Town Attorney.

A. Brosnan stated that she did research on additional costs for maintaining a soccer field. A. Brosnan noted that this has not been budgeted and she does not feel the cost should come out of the P&R budget

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by P. LoPresti to go forward with the proposal from CT Rush East and forward it to the Town attorney for approval.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Park Maintenance and Development

- **General maintenance updates**

A. Brosnan reached out to other towns and asked how they handle their geese populations.

- Groton uses a dog at their golf course
- Ledyard had a sound machine
- Stonington uses coyote decoys (A. Brosnan purchased 2)
- Granby used blinking lights and fake swans (Preston tried both of these)

D. Coley suggested asking the State Police to train their dogs there.

A. Brosnan stated that she will reach out to Preston's Resident Troopers.

There is a Program Administrator for the STEAP Grant working with the Town to move forward. Hinding Tennis will use price quoted from last year, but new quotes are need for the fence and the parking lot.

Will get quotes to take down a couple of trees in the Park that are leaning.

Finance/Fundraising

- **Budget 2021-2022**

A. Brosnan stated she submitted the P&R budget to the BoS

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier does not foresee P&R having to present since it is the same budget as last year.

Membership & Elections

- **Open alternate position**

A. Brosnan noted that elections will take place next month.

R. Tucker suggested posting the open alternate position on P&R Face Book Page then it can be shared to the Preston Community Face Book page.

Community Events

- **Upcoming Community Events Ideas**
St. Patrick's Day pot of gold guessing game
Clean-up weekend with the Conservation & Agricultural Commission
Coloring contest

Programming

- **Programs & Activities Update**
April at earliest for a decision on Summer camp
Meeting with Ledyard and New London about a modified girl's Basketball league
- **Preston Little League**
Registration is currently taking place
The League is purchasing 2 score boards for baseball and they are hoping to repair the softball score board

New/Additional Business

None

Public Comment

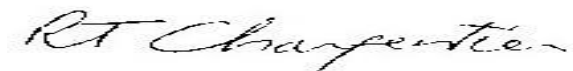
None

Adjournment

A motion was made by G. Deveau and R. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier