Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Preston Town Hall
7:00 pm

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

Members present: Antonio Farinha, Dan Coley, Gary Deveau, Patricia Jankowski, Kim Koniecko, Paul LoPresti, David Przygoda, Tom Turner, David Verhasselt
Members excused:
Members absent:

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

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by T. Turner and seconded by P. Jankowski to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2019 as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report
A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out
None

Unfinished Business:

- Spirit Awards
  A. Brosnan presented an award memo to be sent to high schools that Preston students attend.

  This award is to be given to a graduating senior who resides in the Town of Preston. The Preston Spirit Award is intended to acknowledge a success story that may not be addressed by traditional award criteria. Not necessarily based upon academic achievement, athletic ability or civic involvement, this award should go to a student who may not be otherwise recognized for his efforts. This student might not be in the spotlight or outstanding in any particular manner, but our commission rests assured that your staff will have no trouble recognizing him or her. Thank you for supporting the positive development of our young people.

  The Commission decided to award 5 students $100.00 each and require that they write an essay.
The name will now be:

**Preston Parks & Recreation Award**

**Park Maintenance and Development:**
- **General maintenance updates**
  - Pipe at the Park is uncovered.
    - Russ Green thinks there should not be a cost for the repair.
  - Fertilizing and Grub Control pricing needed.
  - D. Coley will roll the fields this weekend.
  - D. Coley has a hammer drill to install the speed bumps.
  - Hiring seasonal part time maintenance for the Park.
  - K. Koniecko noted that the parking lot is dark and suggested putting up some solar lights.
  - K. Koniecko suggested contacting the Tech Schools to assist with projects.
- **Playground**
  - Received quotes.
  - Meeting will be scheduled with the BoS re: Capital Purchase.
- **Basketball/tennis courts**
  - Quotes for repairs received

**Membership & Elections**
- Roberta Charpentier – Term expires 03/31/19
  - A motion was made by P. LoPresti and seconded by D. Coley to re-appoint Roberta Charpentier as an alternate member for a five year term.
  - All in favor. Motion carries.
- **Election of Officers**
  - A motion was made by P. LoPresti and seconded by Gary Deveau to keep the current officers. Antonio Farinha, Chairman and Dan Coley, Vice Chairman.
  - All in favor. Motion carries.
- **Open alternate position**

**Community Events:**
- **Community Yard Sale – May 4, 2019**
  - Residents have the option to hold it at their house and for $2.00 Parks & Rec. will get their permits filled out, or they can rent space for $15.00 and have a table outside Preston Plains School.
- **Kids Fishing Derby – May 5th**
  - Gary Deveau and Kim Koniecko offered to assist.
- **Preston Palooza – June 5th**

**Programming:**
- **Programs & Activities Update**
  - 22 seniors signed up for Phantom of the Opera
  - April 4th Coach Bus trip with Lisbon to Country Music event.
  - Trip planned for Music Man in East Haddam
  - Basketball camp
Archery camp
Sky Hawks
Soccer for 2 year olds

- **Basketball**
  Season has ended

- **PYBSA**
  They are working on getting new dugouts

**New/Additional Business:**
A. Brosnan stated that Parks & Rec is assisting the Conservation and Agricultural Commission with a Town wide clean-up day/weekend on April 27th and 28th. SCRRA is providing bags and vests and Public Works will pick up bags on Monday. Residents will be able to sign up for a road on the Parks & Recreation website.

**Public Comment:**
Ed Gauthier stated that he is currently on the Board of Education and is thinking of running for First Selectman. He is impressed with the energy of the Parks & Recreation Commission and the next First Selectman should be as youthful as you guys are. I don’t know how many other Selectmen attend your meeting; if they don’t it’s a shame.

**Adjournment**
A motion was made by and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted

Roberta Charpentier
recorder