

Conway Parks & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 3rd, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Members Present: Jan Warner, Harry Bovio, Julie Sweet, Tanya Campbell

Also present, Ron Sweet, Liz & Greg Smith, Paul Jenkins, Lin Hanley, Paulette Levchuck, Clark Maynard, Cynthia Rayscoe

Members Not Present: Michael Merrit, James Bosman, Mark Gollyhan

Prior minutes not available for approval

Treasurer's Report

Balance of \$4,716.96. Projected \$4,400 after current invoices are paid.

Pickleball – Jan, Julie, Ron and Paulette attended a recent Conservation Commission meeting regarding the South River Meadow proposed pickleball courts. There were concerns of wetlands and the area would require a MESA (Mass Endangered Species Act) review at \$300. A new location was proposed for pickleball courts and a parking area - a parcel located at the back side of the grammar school. This site has no known wetlands or MESA requirements. Julie Sweet spoke with the Grammar School Principal, Kristen Gordon regarding increased traffic that may be caused by using that area, and she was willing to work with us. Jan spoke with Veronique about the possibility of Solar Cover. One property owned by Mary McClintock is adjacent to the proposed courts.

Motion to move forward with pickleball project off Fornier Rd. Jan made motion, Julie Second, all were in favor.

Public Comment:

Greg Smith questioned if we were to make the courts for residents only. Jan pointed out that all of the other area pickleball locations do not restrict to residents and that our courts should be open to the broader community.

Cynthia Rayscoe presented a letter with concerns to the Committee. Concerns were related to the South River Meadow area.

Ballfield Maintenance

Tennis court has small cracks forming. Clark agreed to fill the cracks.

The shed has been cleaned and stained/sealed, Trim painting is still needed.

Ballfield infield needs new dirt. Tanya will look into the cost to put on the town warrant.

Electrical outlets by the shed are not working – Ron Sweet will contact the electrician.

Drainage issues at the ballfield for the Festival of the Hills: Field was rutted by vehicles. Jan spoke with Veronique about restricting vehicles on the field due to perforated piping running under the field for drainage. Veronique will speak to the Festival Committee. Looking for new options for vendors/food trucks, possibly using upper parking lot

Drainage issue on the northeast edge of the tennis courts. Ron will investigate next spring. Many roads are damaged from the last storm, and this is taking priority.

Portable toilets will stay at the grammar school and ballfield for winter. Ballfield toilet will be moved to the upper parking lot for easier winter maintenance.

Indoor Pickleball Schedule will begin in November. The Committee had no requirements. Jan will go ahead and post the schedule.

Meeting closed at 6:45