

JUPD Minutes 4-6-16

Board Members Present: Livy Strong, Andrew French, Carol Smith, Marie Lynch, Marcy Gibson

Board Member Absent: Jim Massingham, Judie Jones

Public Present: Joe Gay-President Chittendon East Football, Catherine Lozier-Vice President Chittendon East Football, Nancy Carey,

Meeting started at 7 P.M.

Review of minutes - minutes approved as written

Financial report - There is \$28,875.57 in the checking account, \$15,059.44 in the power account and \$1,389.87 in the CD which totals \$45,324.88. \$18,000 was recently paid to VYCC. Jim plans to submit a RTP reimbursement form but first we need the invoice for what we paid Bob Naylor for the geoweb. It may be possible to get the invoice directly from EJ Prescott.

Football - Joe Gay said he has always paid for all 3 fields for the entire season which he said was \$1200 to \$1800 per year but that given their current finances there is more money going out than coming in. They do a small amount of fund raising but need to pay for fields, trainers, officials and uniforms. Joe feels they are overpaying as they don't use field 3 at all so while he has historically paid for 3 fields they only need 2. Joe also said that over the years they have improved the fields and overall have left the park better than they found it. He said that last year they paid \$1950 which was the same as year before which included the portalet and security deposit and is thinking of paying \$910 this year for the fields plus \$300 for portalets and \$150 security which would be \$1360. Marcy had brought the actual figures starting with 2013. **In 2013** they paid \$1240 and did not pay a security deposit nor did they pay for portalet usage. **In 2014** they paid \$1950 but again paid for neither security nor portalets - the \$1950 was just for the field use however, in 2014 the cost per field went from \$7 to \$10 yet they paid the previous rate of \$7. Had they paid the correct rate for their requested dates, they would have paid \$2,160. **In 2015** they paid \$1950, \$1500 of which was for the fields and the remainder included the security deposit and portalets. We pointed out that mowing for the athletic fields and parking area last year cost \$1960 so the park is just breaking even for football vs. mowing. We need to mow weekly during football season and if it wasn't for football, we could mow less frequently. Marcy told Joe that one of the things that came from the park survey was that there were only negatives about the sports - the loudness, parking problems and loudspeakers. When Joe left, he did leave his application and check.

Joe would prefer that football play here. There are about 100 kids in program divided into 3 levels; grades 3 and 4, grades 5 and 6, and grades 7 and 8. Joe isn't there for the games. There are three coaches, one for each level, and they do what they want. The reality is that they really do use the 3rd field and the board can either ignore it or police it. If they choose, board members can take pictures to verify field use.

We decided to approved his just taking two fields with some caveats.

- No music.
- No vehicles allowed in the park except the one concession van and Bobby Hackney's vehicle which he uses for the PA system. The concession van and PA system are only there on Saturday's therefore no vehicles in the park at all on weekdays.
- If field usage changes, for instance if they are in the finals and will play more, they will therefore owe more and we would need to know immediately. If they use more than the requested fields we would also need to know immediately and they would need to pay for it.
- Jim Driscoll can drive his car to the shed but must then take it out of the park immediately. He can either leave his dog at home or have it on a leash.
- If any of this is violated, they do not play in our park next year.

Park management:

Picket fence is now up. The one way sign at the entrance is back up. Livy will order a 10 foot pole for the one way and no parking sign positioned when leaving the parking area.

Trees on trail - Loren has taken care of them.

Picnic Tables - Neil fixed two picnic tables and people can now sit in off leash area.

Green up day will be the first Saturday in May. We need to remove the snow fencing which is falling apart and will be a good green up day project.

Pond - The Dep't of Fish & Wildlife will be dropping fish into the pond early May and we will be having a fishing clinic for children. We will try and discourage adults from until kids have have chance.

Trail consultant - nothing in mail yet. Livy will email Josh within the week if she hasn't heard from him.

Publicity - There are 394 survey results so far and we will go over them next meeting. Andy will update the sports calendar on the website.

Fields - Marcy suggested we look the fields and determine if we really have three usable fields or is field 3 really a mess as Joe Gay stated.

Mowing Bids - We will do mowing bids next meeting and add to job, or green up day job.

Meeting adjourned 8:25

