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Meeting Date: 5/15/2023
Meeting Location: Hybrid
Minutes Approved: 10/3/23

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

Members Absent:

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others:

The meeting was called to order at 12pm with Dan and Tom in attendance.

The commission reviewed the invoice from Shawn's Landscaping for the beach project. The total is \$20,500 for the stairs and ramp plus the rock splitting and the sump pump. Unfortunately, there was a large rock we had to have split that cost \$2,500, that will come from the contingency fund.

Tom made a motion to approve the invoice, Dan seconded and all approved.

The commissioners reviewed the project budget. The cost for the end section of railing at the bottom of the ramp is \$3,400, all agree that is too much.

The commission discussed the donated trees. National Grid is willing to donate 4 sugar maples as part of their tree restoration program. Thanks to Ted Steeves, tree warden for facilitating this. All are in support.

The commission discussed the beach walkways. Shawn would like to relocate the right walkway to connect to the middle of the basketball court instead of the corner. This would get it to 5% grade and eliminate the need for a railing. There is no added cost, just a change in the design. All agree.

The commission discussed the timeline on the remaining items including seeding and water.

The commission discussed Grover field. Dan updated the commission. The new shed is installed. All that remains is reconnecting power and then we can reconnect the irrigation system.

The commission continued discussion on scholarship options. Tom suggested the Brothers could sponsor a day for beach admissions.

Dan is working on signage for the beach

Dan discussed a late applicant for the Rec Program for the Junior Counselor program.

Dan made a motion to hire Ava Bryant as a junior counselor at \$13/hr, pending an interview, and a clear background check, Tom seconded and all approved.

Dan discussed the Junior Counselor program; some are turning 16 during the summer and we may want to consider promoting them to counselor's mid-season. We can discuss later in the season.

Dan said they got 1 applicant for the maintenance position, he's not sure if they are looking for seasonal or full time work but will reach out and see if they are interested.

Tom said he connected with someone from Hatch Paving over the weekend and they may be interested in donating time and materials towards improving the Millville Rd lot with millings. Tom said they were going to come by and look at the property.

The commissioners discussed the capital study. Tom spoke with the Collins Center for the DPW study and it came up. They reviewed the capital needs chart.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43pm.