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Meeting Date: 4/18/2023
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 11am with all 3 in attendance in person.

Tom and Dan discussed the bike jump issue in front of the basketball court. Dan said we are waiting for the delivery of wood chips before scheduling Sean to repair it.

Tom asked about the court lights. Dan said we are waiting for a price from Asplundh to replace the poles. They haven't responded yet.

The commissioners discussed the beach project. There is an invoice for \$50k for the next phase of the project. They reviewed the charges and agreed. Tom asked for

AJ made a motion to approve the invoice from Shawn's Landscaping for \$50,000 for the beach project, Tom seconded, and all approved.

The commissioners discussed the beach playground and proposals for timbers around the border. All agree this is the direction we want to go. **Tom made a motion to approve the change order for timber frame and woodchips for the beach play area, AJ seconded, and all approved.**

The commission reviewed the beach project budget. They discussed the updates for the beach access path and sump pump. We need to get estimates on these projects still.

The commission discussed the trees at the beach, Ted Steeves (tree warden) was able to secure a donation of 4 sugar maples from National Grid for the beach project. All discussed, Tom asked about the roots. Dan will follow up with Ted for more info.

Tom made a motion to accept the donation of the trees pending more info on the roots, AJ seconded, all approved.

Dan discussed the plumbing improvements for the beach project. We will re-do the water lines and install a new manifold in the garage while everything is dug up. Dan is meeting with Barry this afternoon to review the specifics. The estimate is \$3,600. This will address issues with leaks in the old water line and make maintenance easier in the future. There will be a 3 way manifold in the garage to feed the shack, bathrooms, and beach house separately. This will also facilitate future changes to the bathrooms. A toilet was donated by a resident and will be used to replace the cracked toilet in the Men's room.

Tom discussed the asphalt path to the beach bathrooms. He would like to see stairs or something that looks better in the future. The commissioners discussed the bathrooms.

They discussed the paving of the basketball court. Tom suggested a berm along the beach house. AJ may have some materials left over from a project we can use to cover up the basement windows.

The commission discussed staffing. We need to post the 4th maintenance position still. Dan reviewed the current status of staffing. A few people declined job offers but we are still in good shape.

The commission discussed the classroom project. Dan is meeting with Gianni shortly to discuss the timeline to get this project done.

The commission discussed a proposed eagle project by Sam Aubut. He will paint the baseball sheds on Pezzella and Grant. Tom met with him to discuss details.

The commission discussed Grover Field. The new shed is completed. Soccer would like to put up signage. The commission is open to proposals. MUYSA wants to put up a wall in the middle of the shed and split it between soccer storage and irrigation/parks.

The commission discussed options for scholarships. There isn't a lot of interest from Mendon residents specifically. They discussed options and ideas from a possible donation.

The commission discussed the parks building. Our article for town meeting was pulled. Dan said the town is doing a study on a proposed DPW. Dan thinks they want to meet with the Commission at some point.

Dan updated the board on the field lighting. He is not getting any response from anyone on the project and thinks we may just pass it over. We should be able to fix the court lights on our own. The grant proposal needs more info to move forwards but we aren't getting anything.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19pm.