

# Town of Ashburnham

## Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, September 29, 2011  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Place:** People's Congregational Church  
56 South Main Street  
Ashburnham, MA

**Members Present:**

Mike Salem, Rebecca Cinclair, Serafina Baronowski, Gregory Fagan

**Members Absent:**

**Others in Attendance:**

Stephen Nims (Ashburnham DPW), Dan Allen, Stephen Antonelli

### Agenda

1. Trust Accounts held by previous P&R Commission

\*Bandstand. \$2815.00

\*Winchester playground. \$7793.00

~Controlled by James Rogers & Margaret Brownell

\*Sweeney playground. \$3852.00

~Controlled by Steve White

>Per Steve Nims

•No minimum balance required in trusts

•Recommendation: To transfer control of Trusts to current Board members of P&R Commission asap in order to utilize funds for safety & security concerns at playgrounds

2. Review of P&R Report @ Parks with DPW; Initialize plan for Solution

>Installation of Security Cameras

•APD looking into funding for console to monitor all cameras in 1 central location (largest expense) police- cameras to be placed at playgrounds, on watertower...

>Replacement of Safety & surface material beneath swings, monkey & play structures

•Per Steve must have at least 10in

•DPW can afford to pay for manpower to spread new material & will make the time as necessary!! Thank You Steve & Crew

•Discussed possibility of using different materials

\*\*wood vs. rubber

\*\*Must pass certain requirements for Public Use\*\*

>Current state of equipment & Life Expectancy

•Playstructure~ Manufacturer is Gametime

\*\*Rebecca will call to discuss possibility of on site inspection by company representative

•Merry-Go-Round- anything salvagable....even if not usable anymore, some

parts

may be vintage & cool to display

•Sandbox~ Steve will remove digger as we all agreed it is a hazard to children

\*\*also will add more sand

\*\*Has already added "Doggie Pots" in an effort to encourage owners to

clean

up after their dogs

- Eagle Scout Project- winter 2011- build picnic tables, benches made with Trex material
- Other Recommendations per DPW~
  - \*Repair Fence at Winchester Playground
  - \*Repair bandstand (after camera install)
  - \*Level, loom & reseed Sweeney, remove intrusive stumps
  - \*Level & repave Basketball court, refurbish backboard, hoops
  - \*Enclose entire park safely asthetically- Partnering w/ Roy Bros?
- In reference to Signage~ adding any Rules or Regulations would need to

become

Town Ordinance & go through the BOS

3. Old Business

- JRBriggs playground
    - \* Family unhappy it will be in storage during construction, However could
- Make A Wish Foundation's decision. Also, unsure of procedure to remove & stability afterwards.

be

\*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* Not to accept Donation of Lee Playground for use during new Briggs Construction  
 \*\*\*Motion Passed\*\*\*

- LUK Grant Writing informational Meeting
  - \* Dan will attend on Oct 15 @ 3pm, to gather info on grants available for Regional grants for P&R

4. New Business

- Recommended by Rebecca> Join forces w/ NC Sustainability Center & Rail Trail Committee
- Art Show- Proposed by Serafina & Stephen~ Representing I.M.Possible
  - \*Town has no protocol for such events- Possibility of having art/craft show in Fall/Spring at Sweeney Park

5. Next Meeting Information

- Thursday October 13
- Time Change to 6pm for Greetings and Salutations
- Public Safety Building- Fire side- Upstairs Conference Room
- Invitations Extended to:
  - \*Chief Barrett, Captain Rekos, Chief Zbikowski
  - \*Stephen Nims
  - \*Sallie Thoma