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Ashburnham Parks and Recreation Committee **Meeting Minutes 09/19/13**

Member in Attendance: Mike Salem, Doug Carlman, Tim Dumont, Steven Gallant, Cheryl Groller,

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting called to Order at 7:15 pm.

Meeting Minutes: Motion made to suspend the reading of the minutes by Steven Gallant till the following meeting, due to the lack of completion. Mike Salem second. Unanimously Agreed.

Treasury Report: None at this time.

Guests in Attendance: Gail Dumont

Camera System

Camera system is being put in at Winchester Park. Will be wired into the Library and placed at the peak of the roof. A \$10,000 request will be put onto the Town Warrant for additional cameras for Sweeney Park. Special Town Meeting will be held on October 29th, 2013.

Winchester Park

The insurance company has paid their portion of the slide that was damaged over the summer. Due to the fact that the town has a \$2500 deductible, we received a check for \$2995.31. We will look to the town for support on the deductible to cover the cost of the replacement of the slide, but will have to take it out of our budget in the meantime. Cheryl made it clear that she was not in favor of this plan, but agreed to it due to the lack of time with winter coming.

Doug feels that instead of spending the money to replace a slide on a fifteen year old piece of playground equipment, that we should instead have the company come in and just cap off the slide and save that money for when we replace the play ground.

Mike explained that it doesn't work that way ... either we spend it now towards a replacement or we lose it and it goes back to the town.

Suggestion was made to look into putting a single slide in there at a lesser cost. Cheryl feels that if we do nothing that people are going to complain. Tim feels that we should stay in the \$3000 we received from the insurance and not go to the town for more. Tim makes a motion to have Cheryl and Gail to approach the Playground Company and come up with a better solution.

Gates at Sweeney Park

The big gate has been locked and springs are on order for the smaller ones. New nets basketball hoops. Fence poles have been straightened out on the parking lot side. The kids basketball backboard will be re-erected as soon as we get a pole. We cannot remount it on the light pole. Mike will check with DPW about putting in a pole for us as the electric company is backed up with other jobs.

Town Web Site

Mike is forwarding an e-mail to the board from the town asking for opinions of how to better the town's web site. Town needs to be responded to by 09/23/13 if interested.

Tree Lighting

Fire Chief is fine with joining forces with Parks and Recreation in planning and executing the Annual Christmas Parade and moving it to an afternoon event to combine it with the tree lighting. Doug Carlman makes motion to move it to December 1st, so that we have Gail and Tim there for help. Motion was second by Cheryl Goller, agreed by Mike and Steve, and rejected by Tim. Suggestion made to do a food drive as well as a toy drive at this event.

Motion to close the meeting by Steven Gallant and second by Tim Dumont at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted

Steven P. Gallant
Secretary