

Kelley Park Committee

January 27, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Present: Scott Doucette, Dorcas Gordon, Victor Greenwood, Kerry Mattson, Alex Sobolov, Les Dion

Guest: Jack Doucette

Les reported that she does not know if we have minutes from our November meeting so we may want to approve the minutes from our September meeting.

Secretary's Report: The September 29, 2019 minutes were reviewed. A line was struck under 'other' about the Kubota. ***Dorcas Gordon moved to accept the minutes as amended. Kerry Mattson second and the motion passed 5-0-1.***

OLD BUSINESS

Basketball Court Lining: At the last meeting we had discussed getting a cost to put lines down on the court by NMMS. While discussing this Les reported that she had an email from the Skate Park company that we purchased our skate park items from. They suggested we have an inspection done on those items. It was agreed that this would be a good idea as we don't know what to look for. Scott will work on getting an estimate on the basketball court.

Grassing of Tball Field: Scott had received a quote from Gated Property Maintenance to change the tball field back to grass. He will check it to see what the amount was. We will also need to pursue other bids for this. It was agreed that we want to get this done immediately after the tball season ends so that the grass will take in time for the concert series. It was suggested that we ask Russ Weeks to do a playground inspection for us if he is willing. Les will follow up on that.

Tennis Court Poles: Les ordered the new poles for the tennis court and the company was going to install them as well. They did suggest that we take them out of the ground during the winter to make them last longer. We went with Tennis Courts of NH. They may be planning to install them in the spring.

Bleachers: Victor looked at the bleachers and we need a part. One set needs the fencing fixed. We also needed end caps. Victor said they have the parts manual so may be able to figure out what to order. Victor and Scott will be working on this.

Other: Victor said that there are invasive weeds growing through the bushes where the backstop was moved. They are also growing on the perimeter fences on the non-park side of the fence. There is not much we can do about that as this is up to the landowners on their property. His concern is that whatever we put in there will be covered with these weeds again. Jack said there is a way to get rid of those.

NEW BUSINESS

Bear Statue: Les shared the picture of the bear statue that was donated by Wicked Cool Carvings to the town. Nik Coates had asked if the KPC would like to have it placed in the park. We discussed possible placement and thought that the best place for it would be at Millstream Park. It would be a nice addition to what is there and then people could stop and get their photo taken with it. We were

concerned that with the height of it we could have problems with kids climbing it at the park. Les will let Nik know.

Backstop Area: Les reports that she has had some feedback from Newfoundland Babe Ruth about the possibility of putting the concession stand/bathrooms behind the backstop where we have the new space. There was discussion on the pros and cons of this placement. One of the bigger concerns was that we would want the building to be in keeping with the changes to the park and professionally designed. The fact that the water, sewer and electric are already there make it a good fit and we would be able to hide the box that contains the pipes. Les indicated that she was only looking for an indication of whether we even want to pursue discussion on this potential area. It was agreed that we would be interested in looking at it and will prioritize this when we do our walk-through in the spring. With this in mind we may want to hold off on the gravel path in this area until we see what the final layout will be. We discussed trees and picnic tables to make it attractive for people to come to. Kerry suggests a short term plan and a long term plan.

Cost of Field Improvements: Jack has met with Victor, Mark & Les to review what it would take to bring the field back into good shape. His company can do the prep work and he has submitted his info to Mark. We need to find out how much was allocated to Kelley Park last year with our Tru-Green contract. Les said that whatever additional costs we incur we would be able to take it out of the regular Kelley Park maintenance budget or master plan line.

The baseball mound needs to be replaced/rebuilt and the base paths need widening. Victor indicated that the town can do the paths. Dan MacLean has a contact at Pike that has taken samples of the right types of infield mix and is able to replicate them. We should be able to purchase this right from Pike. We do need to decide whether to take out the old or just cover it. Jack said he has the numbers of material that will be needed and we will remove the top 2-3".

Jack suggests that we use a triple rye blend on the tball field seeding.

Les needs to contact Mike Limanni regarding the snow removal at the middle school. They have put the snow and dirt far out into the field. They were supposed to come in and remove it last year after being asked to stop doing this but never did. She will follow up.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on 2/24 at 6 pm. Meeting Room TBD.

Respectfully Submitted, Leslie Dion