

Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
January 11th, 2017

**Meeting called to order:** 7:32 pm.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** George Caye, Craig Zimmerman, Al Larson, Mike Saimond, Katie Graham, Dave Romejko, Bill Nowak

**Also in Attendance:** Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, Bob Dickinson, Art Sladyk, Lee Lubring and Matt Riley

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made and seconded to approve the November minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Public Input:** Art Sladyk from the Patriotic Comm. and an accompanying Veteran Lee Lubring spoke about Veterans Park and the new wall. He would like to see the town place more recognition to the Veterans at VMP. There is no mention of Veterans on the website, only the pool. Also would like more cameras on the wall to protect against vandals. They have two benches that will be set up in the park. He also thanked John and the Parks crew for getting the wall completed for the Memorial Day Parade. Ray said that the cover of the spring Rec. Dept. Magazine will feature a picture of the Veterans Wall. Art also mentioned that they covered 1215 graves for Wreathes Across America this season.

**Special Reports: Nomination of Vice Chair for PARC. George nominated Craig Zimmerman which was seconded and voted and passed unanimously.**

**Report of Council Liaison:** Matt Riley. Town Council approved the 11 acres at Nevers Park to be developed as open green space. This is the beginning stages and there are still some unanswered questions as to how this will be developed. The group will also create parking spaces for the fields so the Farmers Market has potential to relocate to the site. This project should be done at no cost to the town.

**OSTF:** None

**Report of the B of E Liaison:** Craig reminded the commission that the referendum for the Phase II School Project is March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Really need this to pass to get the maximum reimbursement from the state.

**Report of Parks and Rec. Director:** Kevin's Kourt: To date there is \$55,000 for the \$75,000 project to be built adjacent to My Friends Place. The group would like to complete this in time for the 10 year anniversary of My Friends Place in June 2017.

Rye Street Park: Parks is working on a 4<sup>th</sup> mountain bike trail and is having the Bike Shop in town GPS the trails to allow the town to make a map. The town dredged the pond and is trying to get an aerator in place to decrease the mosquito population.

Legislative Issues: Ray is working with other Rec Depts. in the state to try and stop the state from hiking the Minimum wage to \$15/hr. This would hurt town budgets in paying summer staff at all the town camps.

PARC Budget: \$4500 for this fiscal year and we have only spent \$390 for membership fees. Craig made a motion to encumber \$3000 to use for the PARC Master Plan Development. Seconded and voted and passed unanimously. Ray also said he will put in \$4500 for the 2017/18 fiscal year for PARC.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm

**Next Meeting:** 7:30pm February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Respectfully Submitted

George S. Caye