

Clarendon Recreation Committee
SPECIAL MEETING
APPROVED Minutes
9-22-2016

Present: John McKenna, Tim Mumford, Roger Loomis, Matt Jakubowski (Committee members)

John called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. After adding an item to discuss a FY 2018 budget request, the agenda was approved by consensus.

Public Input – None

Visit 7B Field – Too dark by the time the meeting started to do site visit. Visit postponed to future meeting.

Minutes from 8-25-16 – Tim motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Roger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bids for 7B and Chippenhook Fields

No bids received for either job. John contacted excavation contractors for the work at 7B no bids received yet. Roger still waiting for responses to work on Chippenhook field.

Old Business

FY 2017 budget items:

- Purchase baseball equipment as listed in approved budget – Tim spoke to Graphic's Edge and found that account the town had with Keith's did not transfer to the new business. He gave all the information on setting up an account to Heather and she is working on getting an account set up.
- Possibly purchase a line-stripping machine to use on the new soccer fields.

FY 2018 Budget Request

The select board has requested budget requests for FY 2018 be turned in by the middle of October. FY 18 budget items discussed include:

- Tim suggested that the 5, 10, 20 year plan be reviewed in order to determine needs for upcoming year(s)
- Quote from Lawnmaster or similar to get new fields ready to be used as quickly as possible
- Find out exactly when the new fields will be ready and what they will be set up to be. Rumors have been going around that there will be a soccer field and two baseball fields. Members felt that Markowski should be contacting the recreation committee to determine how the new fields should be set up rather than one or more of the select board members. John agreed to find out what is going on and

request that Markowski send someone to meet with the rec committee.

- John expressed that his observation has been that interest in baseball appears to be decreasing while interest in soccer appears to be increasing. The group discussed that two soccer fields and one baseball field might be better for the town.
- Tim reminded the group that a fence and/or gate (at least at the entrance(s) to the fields) will be needed to prevent people from using the area for parties and/or vandalizing the fields.

Other Discussion

Ideas to increase awareness and usage of the fields included finding a way to get sledding and/or dog sledding at the fields for winter usage.

Public Input – None

Agenda Building

- Revisit multi-year plan
- Budget request for FY 18
- Review and approve bids for baseball field work

Roger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be **Thursday October 13th at 6:30 p.m. due to need to discuss budget to meet select board deadline.**

Respectfully submitted,
John McKenna