

Scribe Sheet

Date: September 1, 2020

Scribe: Sally A. Davidson

Present: Sally Davidson, Chairman; Lynn Doney, Member; Frank Hall, Member; Bethany Drum, Member

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Meeting called to order at (time):6:15 PM

Meeting Adjourned at (time): 8:15 PM

Next Meeting Date: October 6, 2020

Topic Discussed	Summary of Topic Discussed	Decision/Action to be taken	Deadline/Person Responsible	Action Item Completed
Public Participation-scheduled	There is no one scheduled.	NA	NA	Yes
Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2020 meeting	To accept the minutes of said meeting	Lynn Doney made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, 2 nd by Frank Hall, motion passed 4-0-0.	NA	Yes
Approval of Minutes for August 4, 2020 meeting	To accept the minutes of said meeting	Bethany Drum made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, 2 nd by Lynn Doney, motion passed 4-0-0.	NA	Yes
Old Business: Painting of Pavilion and Bathroom doors	Sally brought up the fact that the pavilion still needs some painting/staining to get done before winter and the bathroom doors on the new bathroom need to get sanded and painted before the weather gets too cold to do so. Sally called Chief Helfant to see if there was anyone that needed to work off some community service and at this time there is not. The Recreation Committee is sorely missing N.U. students as they are always a huge help to us when we do our projects.	The Recreation Committee will get together when we can and when the weather is cooperating for said project. Hopefully before the season changes.	Before winter we will all work at getting this done.	No
Power to Pavilion	Two members of Northfield Rotary Club have approached Sally and asked if the Recreation Committee is doing any projects, we would need help with this year. Sally informed the Recreation Committee that she told them both that we would like power run to the Pavilion and the Basketball Court. They were both receptive to the idea and asked for a cost out. The Recreation Committee received two estimates for this project and took them to show Manager Jeff. Manager Jeff had requested we get a third estimate because the town policy is for three	Lynn is responsible for getting the third estimate then he will take the estimates to Dexter Landers of the Northfield Rotary Club.	ASAP-Lynn	No

	estimates. Lynn arranged to have the dead trees and limbs taken down at Memorial Park. His fear was that one would fall on someone and maim or kill them			
Tree/Branch Removal	Snapping Turtle Tree Works from Northfield did this job. They did a great job and an amazing job of cleaning up after themselves. The cost was \$2450.00	Lynn told Snapping Turtle to send the bill to the Municipal building.	NA	Yes
Basketball Court	We have been waiting for David Danforth to ditch the Basketball Court for over two months now and it still isn't done. Lynn and Frank decided it was time to talk with Steve Korrow to see if he could do it for us. We need to have a swale with some crushed stone and a PVC pipe run down the side of the court into the ditch across the road for the water to run off the court.	Lynn and Frank will touch base with Steve Korrow to see what the time frame would be, and the cost will be to do this job. They will also talk with Trent to see if he has any crushed stone.	This week-Lynn and Frank	No
Dugout Roofs	Demas Builders replaced all four of the dugout roofs at Memorial Park-they look amazing. He and his crew did a great job. Brickey Painters did the painting that was done. There was a hole right through one of the roofs and at least one of the others was leaking. We had them pitched so the kids would stay off of them. The kids would get up on the roofs and hang out and they did a lot of damage to the roofs.	The town agreed to pay for two of the roofs and the school paid for the other two of the roofs. Each entity paid \$7000.00 for two roofs. Tyler will send his bills out.	NA	Yes
New Business:				
Approval of Park Use	Approval for Use of Falls Fields for Dynamos Soccer. Because the Softball Field and the Little League Field has just been done over, with fresh clay being the top cover, there was concern of damage to the fields. We called Dan Morris and Tyler Demas, both from Little League, to see if either of them had any issues with the fields being used for soccer, because of the cleats. We learned they had also seeded some of the areas. Frank had been down to the fields and he said he could see where dogs had already scuffed up the clay so there were some valid concerns.	We all agreed to approve the use of the fields and Lynn and Frank would go down and rope off the areas that should not be played on.	This week-Lynn and Frank	No
Opening of Parks	Sally met with Manager Jeff to see if he had in fact opened the parks for sports activities yet. He said he was going with the State mandates.	Parks are open with restrictions: Wear masks-limit numbers of people-personal distancing.	NA	Yes

Fees for Parks Use	<p>Sally met with Manager Jeff and between the two came up with a fee schedule they feel is fair. Sally took the fee schedule and shared with the Recreation Committee and the committee agreed with the changes. We would like this to start immediately and Grandfather those in that have already reserved their space(s). These fees are not for people who go to eat lunch or shoot hoops. These fees are for groups who want to reserve a certain area on a certain day at a certain time frame. It is not about the numbers it is about the reservation assurance. The reason for the fees is to help maintain the parks. It either has to be a user's fee or a taxpayer's fee. The Recreation Committee feels it is fair for it to become a user fee.</p>	Sally will take the changes to the Select Board with the hope they will approve it.	Next Select Board Meeting-Sally, Lynn and Bethany	No
Public Participation (unscheduled)	There was no unscheduled Public Participation.	NA	NA	NA
Committee Members Comments	<p>Frank-He did not think there was enough clay that was put down on the fields, the grass was already growing up through the clay. It appears there is about 2 1/2" and there should be about 4". He also mentioned he thought it was going to be red clay and it is gray clay. Sally responded that at one of our joint meetings Bill Kirby had told us he had two pallets of red clay for the ball fields. There should also be a cover for both fields to cover them when they are not in use. There should also be a drag for the fields, and it should be used after each time the fields are played on. Frank said a lot of work went into these fields we should keep them nice.</p> <p>Lynn-He wants to have a "Yard Sale" next year at the Labor Day festivities on the common along with our corn roast. He wants three (3) tables set up with Recreation Committee Members stuff only and to sell items for .25 and .50 and 1.00. Nothing more than \$1.00. He then went on to say the concession building at the Falls Field needs to be painted. It is looking good down there and we should not let that pull it down.</p> <p>Bethany-Had nothing to offer but agreed with what was being said.</p>	Sally, Lynn and Bethany will talk to the Select Board at their next meeting about Trunk-or-Treat	Next Select Board Meeting-Lynn, Bethany, Sally	No

	<p>Sally-I spoke with Manager Jeff about Trunk-or-Treat, to see if we could hold one this year. I told him we would have some rules such as no face paints this year, masks would be required, and we would do the distancing between vehicles. To do this, we would need the entire common though. Halloween is a Saturday this year so it should not cause much of a hardship for businesses having the common close around 4:00. Manager Jeff suggested that each treat be handed by the giver. Don't let every child put their hands in your container.</p> <p>The schedule would look something like this: 4:00-Close the common so the Rec. Comm. can mark off the parking of participating cars 5:00-Participants with cars to arrive 6:00-Open to the children and families 8:00-Close and police the area</p> <p>Sally also let the Recreation Committee know that she spoke with Manager Jeff about the purchase of the information sign we have been talking about getting.</p>			
Adjournment	To end this meeting if everything has been discussed that needs to be discussed.	Bethany Drum made the motion to adjourn, 2 nd by Frank Hall, motion passed 4-0-0.	NA	Yes