

BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING  
October 17, 2018

Present: Bill Vosburgh, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Chris Daley, Kyle Thibeault, Linda Racicot

Absent: Brenda Aldrich, Tilo Schiffer

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from meeting Sept. 19 were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes from the Sept. meeting, *Chris seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0.*

Wilbur arrived 6:40 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

BOAA/Friends of the Rec parking over fair weekend was a huge success. \$1425.00 was raised. Nancy's suggestions were next year

- having someone on the street waiving people in to the parking lot the entire time.
- people parking cars wear coordinating shirts so everyone knows what organization the funds are going to
- scheduling people in 3 hour shifts

Blocking the road at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday for the parade hurt business. (Parade doesn't begin until 10:00am) The road was blocked from the traffic lights to Parsons Field.

NEW BUSINESS

Wilbur announced the CPA grant deadline is December 14. They are expecting the Lake Wallace project grant to be big however he encourages the Recreation Dept. to submit grants. Wilbur thinks a grant for the design of a complex at the old tennis courts would qualify and may be accepted.

Kyle informed the committee he met with Weston & Sampson for a quote to design a complex which includes parking, bathroom upgrades, a splash park and basketball courts. The design along with writing the Parc grant for the complex is approximately \$8,000.

Kyle is looking into a regenerating or pump & dump system for the splash park. He explained the upfront cost for a regenerating system is approximately \$50,000. The benefit of this system is no water bill. A regenerating system requires a CPO to complete water testing four times a day. A pump & dump system is less expensive to install however the community may find that the run off of water is a waste. For a pump & dump system the water bill can run \$8,000 to \$15,000. per season. The committee discussed irrigation however the closest field is across a road and wouldn't work.

The process for a Parc Grant would be,

- submit a CPA grant for a complex design and writing of a Parc grant
- submit a Parc grant to the state. If approved the town would cover total cost of the project and would then be reimbursed 68% of the cost. The remaining cost would be the Town's responsibility. The state has approved and allocated \$75,000 towards a splash park project, which could offset the Town portion.
- pending approval, add a warrant and bring to a Town meeting vote.

As an example, Kyle said

The Town would front the cost of a complex (estimated 400,000)

Once the complex is complete, the Parc Grant would cover a reimbursement rate of 68% (272,000.)

The Town would need to contribute (128,000) minus (75,000) allocated for the splash park

The Town would be contributing (53,000)

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn. *Bill seconded, motion passed 4-0-0.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.