

# MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMITTEE

APRIL 23, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. The members present were Mike Guadagnino, Steve Saliani, Lee Haymon and Sandra Coira. Absent – Nancy Larkin and Councilman Robert Knapp, liaison
2. Salute to the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mike read the meeting announcement:

*This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, duly announced, advertised and posted in the municipal building.*

4. **Butterfly Discussion:** Erich Kamm attended the meeting to discuss a couple of issues. He is a member of the Environmental Commission and stated that the Environmental Commission is obtaining milkweed from ANJEC which could be planted in Great Oak Park. These plants attract butterflies and the goal is to attract butterflies and create a natural butterfly park.

Erich also brought up some concerns that he had regarding the Great Lawn area and the proposed parking area, as well as the bathroom plans.

5. **Dog Park Subcommittee Discussion:**

Ryan Schwartfeger informed the committee that there are plans for a craft show fundraiser that is expected to take place in late June.

Ryan also stated that there are plans to have a small park cleanup.

The committee is still waiting for the DEP to issue its letter and are waiting for Boswell Engineering to provide maps of the area.

6. **Work Session**

1. **Great lawn:** Tom Vanderbeck is working on the great lawn. There has been some delay with the work on the great lawn because of the storms. The lawn is expected to be tilled and then seeded.

2. **Band shell:** Mike reported that all of the funds needed for the purchase of the band shell have been acquired.
3. **Parking Lot:** Mike reported that funds still need to be raised for the construction of the proposed parking lot. The goal is to resurface the parking lot area by taking out the existing asphalt and put down crushed rock which is a permeable surface.
7. **Team Up to Clean Up:** Lee Haymon reported on the cleanup that the Environmental Commission had organized. He reported that there was less to cleanup compared to previous years which is a positive sign. Lee stated that the stream also needs to be cleaned and he will speak to a biologist to inquire when the best time to clean up the river is because the Commission does not want to interfere with the natural habitat and the fish spawning season.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next meeting will be held June 4, 2018 in the Danny D'Elia building at 8:00 p.m.