

Meeting #126

A meeting of the Young Park Commission was held Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the offices of the POA (Pine orchard Association).

Present:

Commissioners-

Ken Graham, Chairman, Geoff Hotz, Rich Rosen,

Guest-

Seth Chaucer

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The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM.

Warden Report:

Park Warden Dale Welch's reported to Ken before the meeting that the park is in good shape. Two trees were taken down near the entrance to the park by the town. Ken ordered twelve boxes of dog bags. Next, a discussion ensued regarding Geoff's suggestion of Public Works putting a sign up pointing there is no parking at night. Ken spoke of the upcoming annual dog Frisbee on 5/6/17. The park would be closed until 1:30 PM on that day. Signs will be put up approximately 3 weeks ahead of time notifying the public of this. In addition, Linda Giordano reported that Pine Orchard is having a day of fun with a raffle, food, etc. including park property on 7/4/17.

Geoff made a motion to approve the Warden Report. Rich Seconded. All approved.

Stargazing dates for the 2017 season were announced starting on 5/22/17. There will be six dates.

Geoff made a motion to approve the star gazing request. Rich Seconded. All approved.

Financial Report:

Ken provided a copy of the current financial report. The commission agrees that we should acquire more dog waste bags and possibly pay an arborist to assist with park maintenance. Geoff made a motion to give the Chairman the power to spend money on bags and/or the arborist within the parameters of the overall budget. Rich Seconded. All approved.

Mirror Lake:

Ken estimates \$200 will be needed for chemicals that will be applied in the late spring or early summer to clear the lake. Ken will submit the application soon.

New Business:

Bat Project- A group of girls wants to install same in the NW corner of the upper meadow by April, 2017. Geoff made a motion to approve the bat project. Rich Seconded. All approved.

Memorial Bench- Judith Janiak contacted Bill Horne and the Branford Land Trust, asking to memorialize her deceased son, Scott Bottomley, with a memorial bench. Mr. Horne referred the request to us. The commission needs to decide if we will accept this donation near the bridge at Young's Park, complete with the bench and surrounding gravel. Rich made a motion to accept this proposal. Geoff seconded and all approved.

Old Business:

None

Future Meetings:

May 16, 2017, September 26, 2017.

Ken made a motion to adjourn. Geoff seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Rich Rosen, Secretary

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