

West Tisbury Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting August 3, 2022

(approved 9/8/22 5-0)

Present; Skip Manter, Lisa Amols, John Rau, Dave Small, Dardy Slavin, and Peggy Stone.

Absent; Hap Bernard and Matt Gebo.

Minutes from meeting of July 3, 2022 were approved with clarification from Skip, regarding the water tank to go in at Lambert's Cove. He said a change order would be needed and money allocated if an electrician will do it, but waiting on bids.

Dardy Slavin from the Field Fund came to discuss irrigation at the ballfields. The Field Fund has been helping maintain island fields for 5 years. They have seed and cut and slice the fields but because of no irrigation they get really beat up. Shred aid the FF has already done OB and WT school fields. The school already has a well so it was an easier process. They are requesting the P&R Committee approval to pursue irrigation. They will be asking for CPC funds. John asked for a cost estimate. Dardy said they got an estimate from Tim Bettencourt for approximately \$20,000. John asked if they are looking for money from the town. Dardy said no. Lisa asked if the FF is non-profit. Dardy said yes. Skip was concerned that the school well have the capacity. Dardy said yes. Skip continued; water is a precious resource; do we want safe drinking water or green fields. If the system is on a timer it can be wasteful. Lisa said it has been done at other schools and they are on a sensor; if the ground is wet they don't go off. Dardy agreed that they would use sensors that read the moisture. They are trying to find the best system. Lisa asked if they can irrigate with the sensors. Dardy said yes. Skip said he is in favor but cautious. Lisa and John agreed. Dardy asked for a letter of support as for the CPC application. She will follow up with Peggy.

In other business, the committee was satisfied with the summary from Randy Fauteux detailing the beach and rec activities. Dave said the dogs have been great. The mornings have not been as crowded as last year. The new flags are great, people get it now! He talked with the highway guys about picking up waste stations M-F. He does the weekends. He also mentioned the boardwalk is really steep. He saw a kid in a wheelchair have a really dicey time going down. He said it is really wonky. He can't think of any solution other than cutting the dune. John asked if there are ADA regulations about this. Skip said we've gone around about this a lot. Lisa said she would like to see no boardwalk at all. Skip said then no wheelchair could make it at all. Peggy said Concom won't allow lowering the dune. Skip said they won't allow machinery but they would allow manual labor to do it. Lisa said it might work if we hire a company to do it. Skip said we should budget the money for it if that is all we can do. John said it would be money well spent if 10% of people can't use the boardwalk.

Dave asked if Skip ever found the sign that listed beach rules. Skip said he actually forgot to look; he will follow up. Matt had asked Peggy if the next meeting can be at 6:30pm as he cannot make the 6pm meeting. The committee will meet at 6:30pm on Sept. 7 then discuss a new time schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Stone

Board Administrator