Minutes of the Monday, September 12th, 2022

Winslow Park Commission Meeting

6:30 PM

@ Freeport Town Hall

As produced by Neil Lyman

Winslow Park Manager and Winslow Park Commission Secretary

In Attendance – Anne Ritchie, Fred Reeder, Pierre Shevenell, Mathew Pillsbury, Brad Williams, Susan Hazzard, Bill Ross, Martin Fosburg, Jerry Kennedy.

Absent-

* The Park Manager reported that:
  + The shelters and parking have been extremely busy this summer leading to the park having no parking on weekends. He reported that people were coming in with groups far larger than the rules of the park allow and that maximum occupancy for groups would need to be more heavily enforced.
  + There has been an ongoing issue with petty theft and minor vandalism over the summer. The park staff are all aware of the issue and keeping an eye out. Better security systems to be installed.

**Old Business:**

* It was reported that the ramp to the beach has been completed and opened and that there still needs to be some landscaping done in that area.
* Parking and crosswalk to the ramp still need to be paved and completed.
* Going forward the large projects that need to be considered ( or are already in the works) include the playground, a new work truck and Harb Cottage pier repairs.

**New Business:**

* It was reported that the campground was at near capacity throughout the summer.
* Military discounts were discussed. It was unanimously voted that there should be a ten percent military discount.

**Other Business:**

* Susan Hazzard raised the idea of staff increases as well as bonuses. Neil Lyman responded that this would need to be discussed with the Town Manager and HR department. Susan volunteered to email those parties to get the conversation open.
* Jerry Kennedy asked about whether it would be an option to buy other properties adjacent to the park if they became for sale. Neil responded that it could be considered and had been in the past.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:15