Minutes of the March 13th, 2017

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- Carla Dupuis, Peter Polovchik, Karissa Davin, Kim Swett, George Connick, Bill Ross, Alex Robinson, Neil Lyman (Park Manager), Mark Standen (Park Trustee)

Absent: Steve James, Peter Anzuini

Meeting convened at 6:30

The minutes of the September January 9th, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

* Mark Standen, the trustee for the parks trust, was in attendance. He reported that there were some issues with the transition from the old trustee to himself, but that things had been taken care of.
  + Mark discussed the fact that Bill Plouffe had always cut a disbursement check from the trust to the park in June, but that it might make more sense to do it in the beginning of the year as he works on the trust on a calendar year, not fiscal year.
  + Peter Polovchick suggested that Lev Davis, the trusts financial advisor look into current interest rates to get the best return.
  + Carla Dupuis asked Mark if it would be better to operate the trust on a fiscal year basis because that’s how the park operates. Mark said that due to trust law that was not an option.
  + Carla Dupuis inquired as to whether Mark planned on using the same financial advisor services as the pervious trustee. Mark replied that he does not intend to change anything at this time. He also stated that the trust is doing well currently with approximately a 10% gain in the last year. The trust stands at approximately $436,000.
  + George Connick informed Mark that he has a lot of historical info on the park if Mark ever has questions.
  + Carla Dupuis asked Mark if he is happy with the parks current operation and decisions by the commission. Mark replied that he hasn’t had any major concerns.
* A young man named James who is working towards his Eagle scout badge stopped by the meeting to suggest a project that he would like to work on for the parks flag pole. He stated that he would like to see the flag pole lit up at night with solar lights and new flags to be purchases which are storm proof. He also suggested new memorial benches near the playground and a plaque at the bottom of the flag pole in honor of the parks founders.
  + A vote was taken with all commission members in favor. Neil Lyman to work with the student on this project.
* The matter of spring projects was discussed and it was decided that the park should go ahead with the installation of the generator at the upper bath house. Bill suggested checking around on pricing.
* Neil Lyman proposed a loose capitol budget of $175,000 be earmarked for next year to include the purchase of a loader from the town for $12,000, a new shop estimated at approximately $120,000 and extensive farmhouse maintenance.

**Other Business:**

* Bill Ross informed the commission that he would be resigning from the commission due to personal priorities. He informed members that he felt that a lot of issues have been resolved that he dealt with over his many years on the commission and that he would be available any time if people felt that his experience with the park could be used.
  + Carla Dupuis stated that she was hoping that Peter Polovchik could finish Bills term as Peter recently termed out.
* During discussion of the next meeting, which originally was scheduled for May, Karissa Davin suggested the board meet in April before the start of the season. Neil Lyman agreed due to the amount of projects and anything needing approval.

Bill Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting

**Public Comment:**

Bill Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Vote was a unanimous yes

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm