

North Brookfield Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes of 03/07/24

Present: Brandon Avery, Tara Hayes, Jamie Gilman, Mike Hinkley, Andrew Wiewel

Absent:

Guests: Michelle Petraitis

Meeting called to order at 6:00

Approval of minutes of 2/1/24; Mike made a motion to approve, Jamie seconded, unanimously passed

### **Request for Resources**

Michelle Petraitis submitted a Request for the Common for an event on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 7:00pm. Tyler's Heart is an organization for mental health and suicide prevention, working with local schools. They will have activities, vendors and music starting at 1:00. There will also be a motorcycle ride. They will pay \$40 for electricity. Jamie made a motion to give final approval pending receipt of insurance binder and check; Tara seconded, unanimously passed.

### **Financials**

Reviewed financials.

### **Survey**

Survey is live; April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to respond.

### **Signs**

Waiting for the signs to arrive; order a second No Parking on Grass. (done)

### **Earth Day**

The official date is Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Town will do clean up on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Send challenge to all the boards, committees and departments. Businesses have indicated that they would rather work on projects than picking up trash. List of projects: filling cracks on basketball court, sand & urethane picnic tables & benches along North Main St, clean up disc golf lanes, planting flowers at Little Park & along North Main St. See attached announcement

### **The Common**

People are driving from St Claire Avenue on to the Common. Safety Committee met and they can't put anything at the end of St Claire for safety reasons.

We need to contact National Grid and inquire about getting LED's installed on the lights at the Common. Tara will get the contact name from Ashley and send the request.

We are still looking at building a sandbox. There was also discussion about the plastic culvert pipes for playground climbing. The cost would be \$600.

Still need the I-beam and the tire removed. (done now)

Discussed pickleball; many requests for it to be added. We agreed to order a net and make it available.

Talked about the swingset; need an ADA one: \$609.

Discussed modifying one of the picnic tables for handicap. (done)

Town Forest Park

Jamie can get crosswalk paint. Need to discuss getting speed limit reduced to 35mph – safety committee?

Tara made a motion to adjourn, Jamie seconded. Adjourned at 7:11