



Griswold Recreation Commission
Monday, November 16 @ 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

- 7:04 PM
- In Attendance:
 - Carol Mauro, Darren Drobiak, Ricky Bevis, Ryan Snide, Sarah Seifert, Jay Rainier, Lionel Lasalle, Mike Minarsky, Ryan Aubin
- Absent:
 - Mike Morton, Ken Willey

2. Approval of Minutes

- October Minutes
 - Approved: Motion by S. Seifert, Seconded by R. Snide

3. New Business

- Recreation Commission Ordinance Discussion
 - Much discussion on the Ordinance of the Recreation Commission in relation to Powers/Duties and Permit Application.
 - C. Mauro mentioned the prior Ashland Park Committee, who was in charge of organizing events was rolled over into the Recreation Commission. R. Aubin stated he will get the grant language from the Finance Director.
 - C. Mauro will schedule a Special Meeting with First Selectman and Town Planner to discuss Ordinance.
- Adaptive Playground Discussion
 - S. Seifert focused on the community need for a local Adaptive (modified for those with Special Needs) Playground that is local. Her family drives over an hour to the closest playground.
 - C. Mauro will include this topic, and grant assistance to the Special Meeting with First Selectman and Town Planner.
- Dog Park Discussion

- R. Aubin spoke about conversations with JCLL President about the need for a local dog park, due to the increased use of ball fields as dog training areas, which leads to people not picking up after their pets and ruining the game fields. Commission discussed possible locations.
- J. Rainier brought up the important point of K9 related diseases and the need to have the park clean often. Currently, it would be up to Public Works to clean up. Liability, damage and risk/safety of dogs/owners using the park including the affect on the surrounding community was discussed, as well.
- R. Snide mentioned other Dog Parks have ID systems that you need a key/fob to get into the gate.
- R. Aubin mentioned First Selectman had ideas of a possible location as well. This will be added to the Special Meeting agenda.

4. Old Business

- Spooktopia! A Trunk or Treat Event. Recap
 - R. Aubin explained that we received many, many compliments of the event. Some asked about keeping it drive thru next year. Fire Department had the suggestion to try to fill the whole campground first, by skipping spots, then filling in empty spots to keep the whole campground area involved.
- 24th Annual Snowflake And Night Light Parade in Reverse
 - Subcommittee Update
 - S. Seifert and C. Mauro discussed the upcoming event on Dec. 5th, and the Christmas Decorating Contest. The reverse parade will be at Hopeville State Park, setup similar to Spooktopia.
 - Around 20 “floats” but may have some duplicates, only a few Decorating sign ups. S. Seifert spoke about Santa & Ms. Clause, layout and ideas they have come up with.
 - R. Aubin thanked S. Seifert and C. Mauro for taking over the whole event. Commission was excited for the changes and looking forward to event.

5. Adjournment

- 7:51 pm – Motion: E. Bevis Seconded: R. Snide.