

Bantam Civic Association

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Bantam Civic Association Minutes

March 1 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Bantam Civic Association was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at The Bantam Borough Hall by Paul Griffen, President

Members Present: Dick Sheldon, Kim Griffen, Jeanie Sanford, Lauren Sage, Jane Golding, Katie Lapointe, Terry Szymanski, Jeff Porter, Michael Lyn Capello, Wendy Westcott

Previous Minutes: Minutes from December's meeting were presented. A Motion to approve the minutes made by Jane and 2nd made by Lauren. Motion carried unanimously.

Grants: Paul Griffen reported grants received from Northwest Community Foundation for \$2500. And other donations totaling \$380.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanie reported the amount balance that is in the account is \$10,000.

Continuing Work at the Fields

Paul Griffen: need to spread lime on fields after snow. Terry Szymanski volunteers to spread lime, do clearing, and chipping and will connect with Kyle after winter. He uses a 3 point hitch and tractor, to spread lime. Will do in stages. Discussion usable acres is 5-6 acres

Farmer's Market:

Katie Lapointe: Farmers Market approved by Litchfield P&Z. There are 20 spots available. 11 Vendors interested. One non-profit. She passed around a flyer and application. The season begins Friday June 2. \$190. For full season paid up front. \$20. Per week. Vendors must have their own insurance, show on application. Bantam Farmers Mkt has own insurance. Concern raised by Jane re parking and need for regular presence. Dick Sheldon plans to be there. SNAP vouchers, Find out if Vendors accept state vouchers. Indicate on application?

Lacrosse: Paul asked are there two separate organizations we should be charging for use of fields? Jeff said there is Youth and Litchfield Hills but the organizations have arrangement. No need to bill two organizations.

Lacrosse can be flexible if someone rents fields. Final schedule to be determined.

Rental Fees:

Paul working on rental fee agreement. Rentals in past \$150. Per day does not include lights. Add use of lights total \$200. Dick suggests a \$50 clean up deposit. Separate check so refundable if cleanup not required. Renter responsible for insurance. Discussion of non profit day use. Most say should be consistent rental fee. Michael Lyn suggests sandwich board sign to post if private party is using the pavilion.

Signs:

Paul met with Writeway. Good quality, UV protected, long lasting, sturdy. One aluminum and one PVC. Rules signs and Park signs. Rules sign to be adjusted to include rental required for group over c 20 for pavilion use Wendy suggested, Paul announced to group and that he will send email around to entire group so everyone can weigh in on suggested rules for final sign. Price for both signs c \$800. Vote all in favor to accept signs as proposed.

Eagle Scout Project update.

Rowland's proposal for kiosk, food for scouts, brush clearing, tools. Claims fund will be raised but he has just a month to raise funds. He must come back to Paul with weekly update. The proposal "as is" is too costly.

Degrassi Funds Admin has 45 days to complete audit. Once funds are in, proceeds will go in lump sum to Borough Scholarship fund and to BCA. Last payment administered in 2014 to BCA.

Lighting: Paul met with Eversource. Assessment will be done by Eversource to determine if changing to LED's is a worthwhile investment. The current use of lights is very low; they may not feel it's justified to change at this time. With more park and lights usage we may reapply in the future. Existing bulbs are approximately \$200. each so not replacing at this time.

Playground

Swings have been shipped to Paul and Kim's house. When equipment arrives, we are responsible to remove from truck. Terry suggested shipping to Deacon's property.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 5:47 made by Jeff and 2nd made by Dick.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Westcott

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