

Bantam Civic Association

Wednesday October 5 2022

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

**Members Present:** Paul Griffen, Kim Griffen, Lauren Sage, Val Caron, Terry Syzmanski, Suzanne Fox, Dick Sheldon, Jeanne Sanford, Jane Golding, Wendy Westcott

**Public:** Gary Zeller, Michael Lyn Capella

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from September's meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as amended made by Dick Sheldon and second motion made by Lauren. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Alain White Field:** Pavillion sign painted by Val Caron. Taft Girl volunteers painted the benches. Lauren and Kim working on playground equipment options and costs. Passed around some estimates. Jane Golding asked if adult equipment might be option as she has seen adults using the equipment from time to time. Perhaps area where playground equipment will be broadened, remove tall weeds. Paul applied for Webster Banks's nonprofit program for \$25k. Man using the field approached Paul about possible future Fitness Field Event at the field. Katie's Non Profit Craft event went off well. Not as many participants but those that showed did well. Website taken care of by Harmony. Paul cc's her so she can upload minutes. Wendy will address with her. Dick Sheldon says Denise Rapp may give us something on Litchfield website. Terry Syzmanski offered to mow the grass on south end. Kyle did great job on driveway. Paul brings up regrade of parking lot says Kyle is on list to get regrind from town to put on parking area. Stone dust suggested by Dick Sheldon for under pavilion- best for packing. Dick will talk to Josh Wilcox about gutters/leaders on pavilion.

Lion's Club Car Show combo with Cornhole Tournament being held at Alain White Field introduced by Gary Zeller. Oct 22 (raindate of following day) 10-2pm Car show. Cornhole Tournament approx. 1-4pm. Registration for Cornhole Competition is 11am. Music, Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Carmel Corn will be served. Approx 50-70 cars expected if nice weather. Charge is \$15. Per car and spectators are free. Paul provides map to Gary to review parking. Entrance back gate. Signage to direct ingress and egress. Gary will get a pdf for the website. Dick Sheldon says Bantam Fire Co will hold boot drive for the Sunshine Fund that day. This will slow traffic down a bit.

Everyone approves no charge for non-profits for use of field if they make donation to Sunshine Fund. Gary mentions Lion's Club 30 days of November Raffle. Drawings every night – numbers of CT Lottery Play 3.

Jeanne Sanford brings up question – portolets- are they still there? Who deals with Chatfields. Paul will talk to Boomer about this.

Paul- would like to schedule fall work party. Terry Syzmanski says wait til all of the leaves down. He will chip debris. Clear along frontage exit better to see fields. Table fall work party til next meeting.

Dick Sheldon working on Farmer's Market. Vibrant Farm interested. Paul emphasizes farm stand should be local, not boxes of produced from other areas. Michael Lynn Capella gets a lot of local sourced stuff through "FoodHub" and good relationship with the head of organization. If Mocking Bird is gone, perhaps their vendors will be part of the Farmer's Market at the field.

ByLaws – newer set of by laws may not be required. Old set allows for out of area members. reviewing. Tabled for now.

Treasurer report: Jeanne reports \$25k AARP funds arrived. Pavilion roof was completed at discounted rate of \$16,638.

New Business: Vote in new member: Paul Griffen reintroduces Michael Lyn Capella as new member candidate. She would like to join as a native resident of Bantam, current member of Bantam Fire Co, head of social services, very involved with community. Her husband was part of the crew who installed the Alain White field lights. She emphasizes she is good at making flyers, posters. Enthusiastic and unanimous vote for her membership.

Old Business Alain White Fields \*cont'd- Paul and Dick suggest prepaid gas cards rather than having to reimburse those who are maintaining fields. 4 \$50. Gas cards probably all that is needed. It is suggested gas cards are for Litchfield Gas Stations only.

Last item on Alain White Fields- Jane Golding asks Paul to expand on his idea of a notice/bulletin board. Kiosk at field. A bulletin board with contact for field rental, information about happenings. Jane will check to see if this could be an Eagle or Boy scout Project. Community involvement is emphasized.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 5:44 pm made by Dick, Second made by Val Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Wendy Westcott

Dated October 11, 2022.