

**TOWN OF POMFRET
RECREATION PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2006 MEETING
POMFRET TOWN CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members present were: Walter McGinn, Chairman, Mike Raymond, Barbara Gagnon, Larry Gregoire, Earl Semmelrock, Vice Chairman, Dan Navarro, Glenn Postemski, and Jim Rivers, First Selectman. Members Absent: Bev Champany, William Corey, Secretary, and Barry Jessurun.

- I. Call to order at 7:00 pm.** Walter McGinn, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Items to be added to the agenda:** 4-wheelers
- III. Approve minutes of the Meeting of March 16, 2006.** Earl Semmelrock made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Glenn Postemski seconded. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Citizen Participation** – Arthur Parent was present see V.c. below
- V. Current Business**
 - a. Mission statement, objectives changes and/or approval. Larry Gregoire made the motion to approve the mission statement. Earl Semmelrock seconded. Approved unanimously. Larry Gregoire made the motion to approve the Objectives with the addition of #4, to provide for the continuing maintenance of the park. Mike Raymond seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Well. Earl Semmelrock stated the well is drilled and we were successful with 12-15 gallons per minute. There was discussion about an Eagle Scout project to do the pump for water, a trench needs to be dug, and electrical needs to be done.
 - c. Septic System – Arthur Parent was present to discuss the approved septic system plan for the park. He spoke to the specifications in the plan. Parent stated that it is an engineered system and will cost approximately \$38,000.00 to build the plan as it is. Parent spoke about sharing the tasks with the Town staff. The gravel is the most important because it can cost \$18,000.00 - \$19,000.00 and needs to be transported. There was discussion about this issue and the town staff will provide the gravel. Parent stated that he will do the work and supervise the installation. He stated that he would donate \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 for the project because his longtime employee, Eugene Paris, lived in the Town of Pomfret and he would like the project done in his memory. Thank you, Parent Sanitation, Mr. Arthur Parent.

There was discussion about the concerns and potential problems that the committee felt was inherent in the plan. Parent put those concerns to rest. The decision and more information will be on the agenda for the next meeting in May.

d. Soccer Field:

1. Irrigation System – there is an irrigation system under the field but it is not finished or in working condition. There was discussion about how to solve the problem of the crown, drainage, irrigation, and no grass.
2. Repair: The crowning is a problem; no grass is also a problem, as well as the irrigation system under the ground. We received an estimate of \$27,000.00 to repair the system. We need to work on removing the crown and decide what to do about irrigation and replanting in the fall.

e. Baseball Field:

1. Repair – There was discussion about the drainage of the baseball field on the 3rd base line and the 1st base line. This will be looked at and some solution will be found. There was discussion about putting blank conduit whenever we are digging for future use. This will allow for less disturbance when the fields are finally correct for future lighting needs, scoreboards, announcer booth, irrigation, etc. which will need electrical. Town staff can also do an area for parking. The consensus was to do this as much as we can when digging is being done. Earl Semmelrock made the motion to address the issue to make the 3rd base accessible. Larry Gregoire seconded. There was discussion about when the field would start being used. Approved unanimously. Hold off on building the dugouts till drainage is settled.
 2. Dugouts - Dan Navarro stated he would call Bruce Dexter who volunteered to do dugouts.
The consensus of the committee was to get the well done so water can be used and to fix the drainage issues which are top priority.
- f. Budgeting – Expenses - We will start a spread of monies to be spent on park expenses annually, and one-time-only.
- g. Work in progress – Road Repairs – The road needs to be upgraded and drainage needs to be placed where water crosses the road.
- h. Abutter's Subcommittee –Clerk to get abutter names and addresses for the committee.
- i. 4-wheelers. There are kids on 4-wheelers tearing up the new road. We need to post signs. Bring catalog to next meeting.

VI. New Business – Clerk to call about park sign to be placed on Route 44 and 97 intersection.

VII. Communication and Mail – None.

VIII. Citizen Participation – None.

IX. Adjournment – Larry Gregoire made the motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.
Glenn Postemski seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin
Clerk