Claremont Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2016 (CSBCC at 6:00pm)

Present: Bill Carpenter, Jeff Coburn, Jim Feleen, Les St. Pierre, Melissa Richmond, Chris Irish, Mark Brislin

Review & Approval of Minutes: The April minutes were not yet available and will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Old Business:

Veteran's Park Field:

Chris Irish gave an update on the field and said it was in great shape and holding up well so far. It was also suggested the Les right and article on the field improvements for the e-Ticker.

Budget:

Mark gave a summary overview of the budget that will be going to the Council for approval. Some of the bigger concerns are:

($34,652) cut from the Regular Pay line.
($3,000) cut from Arrowhead.
($13,000) cut from Summer Celebration. There will be no fireworks in 2017.
($10,00) cut from the JSL building.
($30,000) cut from Building Maintenance and Repair.
($10,000) cut from Land Maintenance and Repair.
($20,000) cut from Capital Improvements.

The overall concern of the commission was the fact that we are seriously cutting our maintenance budgets and not adequately supporting the new building. Also, there is concern that we are understaffed at the CSBCC from a maintenance standpoint and we seem to be walking the same path as we did with the Goodwin Community Center, Zotto Gym, Indoor Pool, Veterans Park and Barnes Park. If we don't take care of our buildings and grounds they will quickly fall into disrepair.

It was agreed that the commission will attend the budget presentation to the council to voice our concerns. Further it was agreed that Jeff would setup a meeting with Guy prior to the budget meeting with the council to discuss our concerns directly with him.

New Business:

Money from Sale of GCC: The commission would like to know where the money went from the sale of the GCC ? Jeff is going to reach out to Mary Walters.

Holiday Schedule: Mark presented the 2016 holiday schedule which was then unanimously approved.

Trees: The commission moved the meeting down to Mondadnock Park and viewed the designated locations for the new trees to be installed by Lee Stevens. The group found all of the locations acceptable with the exception of the spot closest to the discuss pit. That spot will be left for last. Jim will work with Lee to identify which species works best in each of the spots.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting: June 15th.