

Boughton Park Board

August 1, 2019

Members in attendance: David Damaske, Ann Borgstrom, William Travis, Jeff Martin, Jim Wieboldt
Sue Stehling, Claudia Walsh, Chauncy Young

Others: Matt McDonald-Park Security, Frank Fessener- East Bloomfield

President David Damaske called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the members welcomed new board member Chauncy Young – Victor.

RESOLUTION No. 19/08-1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A few points were raised regarding the minutes as presented and subsequent changes were made.
On Resolution by Sue Stehling seconded by Claudia Walsh, that the minutes be approved as amended.
RESOLVED that the minutes from July 1, 2019 BE APPROVED as amended.

Adopted Ayes 8 Nays 0

RESOLUTION No. 19/08-2

Treasurers Report

Treasurer, Ann Borgstrom provided the financial report for July.
On Resolution by Claudia Walsh, seconded by David Damaske that the financial report be approved .
RESOLVED that the financial report BE APPROVED as presented.

Adopted Ayes 8 Nays 0

RESOLUTION No. 19/08-3

Bills to be paid

Treasurer, Ann Borgstrom presented vouchers to be paid.
On Resolution by Bill Travis, seconded by Jeff Martin.
RESOLVED that the July bills to be paid BE APPROVED.

Adopted Ayes 8 Nays 0

The Engineering Report

Jeff indicated that the draft report was not available due to Gomez and Sullivan's waiting on further delayed lab results of boring samples.

Bill gave an update on discussions of the EAP with Jeff Harloff – County Emergency Management. Jeffl agreed that Farmington should be added to the EAP. Also, he planned to forward a sign off for County receipt and review of our EAP.

Jeff Martin reviewed a preliminary draft budget for the Dams and commented that most of the future work has yet to be defined as a result of more studies, engineering, and subsequent reviews by NYS DEC.

RESOLUTION No. 19/08-4
2020 Draft Boughton Park Budget

Dave presented the draft Park budget for consideration by the board. During subsequent discussion several points were raised as follow:

- Trails need maintenance and should be made a line item in the budget
- A permanent low maintenance toilet is needed
- Volunteers for park and trail maintenance are needed
- The major increase is due to the need for additional dam studies and engineering required by NYS Dam Safety regulations.

Volunteers for trail maintenance can be recruited by offering a pass to the park for a limited time in return for an agreed amount of service (note: Victor currently does something similar to this). Chauncy agreed to present a proposal to the board regarding this option at our next meeting. Sue agreed to look into the concept of Friends of Boughton Park which would recruit families and area people for volunteer work at the park.

On Resolution by Chauncy Young, seconded by Ann Borgstrom
RESOLVED that the draft budget BE APPROVED as presented.
Adopted Ayes 8 Nays 0

RESOLUTION No. 19/08-5
Security

Matt McDonald provided the board with an update as follows:

During July the tree limb at the problem swim site was removed and dropped in a way to discourage further use of the site for swimming by youthful visitors. Joshua Parrish, a friend of Matt's, offered his professional services of tree limbing to assist Matt in the removal of the offending limb at no cost to the Park. Additionally, Joshua offered to volunteer his service to remove trees, limbs, etc. in return for a Park pass.

On Resolution by Chauncy Young, seconded by Sue Stehling
RESOLVED that in return for 1yr of volunteer professional tre service by J. Parrish, a 1yr Park pass is granted.
Adopted Ayes 8 Nays 0

Mowing Contract

Dave reported that the mowing contract had been revised as requested and that it had been signed.

RESOLUTION No. 19/08-6
Board Position regarding Farmington

Dave requested input from the board members regarding the proposed addition of Farmington and several points were made during the discussion as follow:

- The municipal agreement will need to be revised.
- An environmental study should be made to evaluate the impact of the additional usage.
- An economic study should be made to evaluate the impact of additional usage.
- Residents of the communities should have an opportunity for input.
- In accordance with its role, which is to manage the park on a day to day basis, the Board shall remain neutral.

On Resolution of Jim Wiebolt and seconded by Ann Borgstrom.

RESOLVED that the Board President prepare a letter which summarizes the above discussion points and submit it to the town supervisors.

Adopted Ayes 8 Nays 0

Trails – Poison Ivey

An issue/concern with Poison Ivey closing in on about 0.8 miles of trails around the ponds was raised at the previous meetings and after much discussion the best option identified was to have a qualified contractor spray the affected areas up to 5 feet wide. Claudia mentioned that she and Matt had met with a qualified contractor, Woody Clark, from Bloomfield and that they had performed a site visit. The contractor provided a ballpark estimate of \$950 to spray and cut vines in the West trail section. Vines would be cut to stop re-seeding and the areas sprayed would utilize colored dye to indicate the specific locations. Since the estimate is within the amounts previously approved by the board, **Matt and Claudia were given the go ahead to engage Woody Clark's contract services.**

RESOLUTION No. 19/08-7

Meeting Day Change

Ann requested that the board consider changing the meeting time from the 1st Thursday to the 2nd Thursday so that there is adequate time to get bank statements, other reports, etc. and then for her to prepare the Parks financial statements for our review prior to the monthly Board meeting. If approved the new schedule would start on the 12th of September and Claudia will revise the meeting schedule and secure meeting rooms.

On Resolution of Sue Stehling and seconded by David Damaske.

RESOLVED that the meeting date be changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Adopted Ayes 8 Nays 0

Scouts

The Scouts have completed the new trail and will be invited to the next meeting.

Adjournment

On Resolution by William Travis, seconded by Ann Borgstrom the meeting was closed. Motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Submitted by Jeff Martin

The next meeting will be September 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Fairview Golf Club