

Portland Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2023

Buck-Foreman Community Center

Parks & Recreation Office

265 Main Street

Present: Commission Members: Karen Agogliati-Chair, Kevin Backman, Chris Donahue, Brian O'Connor

Also: Andy Dionne-Parks and Recreation Director, Ryan Curley-First Selectman, Michael Hernandez-Board of Selectman, Members of the Public (James Bolstridge-Portland Little League)

Absent: Deb Rooth, Peter Filanda-Alt., Amanda Herzog-Alt.

1. Call to order

Karen Agogliati called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call/Appointment of Alternates

No action.

3. Athletic Fields Advertising Program Permit

The discussion of the Athletic Fields Advertising Program Permit was opened up to members of the public.

The Parks and Recreation Commission and members of the public discussed the option of having Portland Youth Leagues or In-Town Non-Profits coordinate the purchase of and placement of advertisement signs on the outfield fences at the Portland Recreational Complex with advertisers. The original proposal included the Town of Portland receiving 15% of the funds that Portland Youth Leagues or In-Town Non-Profits would collect from advertisers. The general consensus from the Parks and Recreation Commission and members of the public was that charging a Portland Youth League or In-Town Non-Profit a flat rate per season would be better than coordinating a percentage split.

The Parks and Recreation Commission proposed a rate of \$800 per outfield fence at the Portland Recreational Complex per Park Season (April through November). James Bolstridge requested that this amount be reduced to \$500 per outfield fence for the 2023 Park Season.

Chris Donahue made a motion to approve the Athletic Fields Advertising Program Draft provided that the percentage split for Portland Youth Leagues or In-Town Non-profits be changed to a flat rate of \$500 per outfield fence per Park Season for the 2023 calendar year and \$800 per outfield fence per Park Season for subsequent years, seconded by Kevin Backman. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Andy Dionne mentioned that the Athletic Fields Advertising Program Draft would be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review.

4. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Donahue, seconded by Brian O'Connor. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Dionne

Parks and Recreation Director