

Town of Rowe Park Commission
August 7, 2017

Present: Richard Hamilton (Chairman), Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Michael Phillips (Park Commissioner), and Sean Loomis (Park Manager)
Audience: None

Agenda:

1. Call to Order at 6:31 PM
2. Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2017 distributed and approved.

New Business:

1. Discussed a need to revisit the park rules for Rowe Camp use of the beach and swimming area. Current policy is no more than 10 campers at a time with a lifeguard for daily use of beach and swimming area. All- Camp Swim has been permitted once per session with adequate adult supervision but numbers have been overwhelming and not adequately supervised by the adults in attendance. Suggest a meeting with the Rowe Camp Manager to discuss future use of beach and swimming area by Rowe Campers. Park Commissioners will come with ideas for the next Park meeting on formulating a new and updated policy for use of Rowe Town beach and swim area by Rowe Camp participants.
2. Discussed what are safe numbers of swimmers in swimming area to be supervised by lifeguards. Twenty-five swimmers in the water at a time was suggested. Will talk to insurance company about swimmer liability in the swim area.
3. Russ Jolly from the Broadband Committee sent a letter to the Park Commissioners requesting use of Park land along Davis Mine Road to install a fiber optic line. The line would be buried 30 feet from the road on possible Park land. Questions arose about what the easement would be for dirt roads and who has jurisdiction, The Town of Rowe or Park Commission? Also, would the Percy Brown Covenant allow it to be put on Park land?

Old Business:

1. The Conservation Commission is requesting that a copy of the three RDAs be sent to the DEP Regional Office for a signature. The request has been

completed by the park and signed off by Conservation Commission. Work has begun on construction of a new stone fireplace. New charcoal grills and a bike rack have been installed.

2. Discussion of the need for annual permits by homeowners along the lake for the installation of beaches, docks or floats. Commissioner will look into what the current bylaws are.
3. Three senior picnics (one per month) were attended by approximately 15-20 participants. It was suggested that the park coordinate these picnics with the Council on Aging to provide support with set up and serving. A call to town residents the day before each picnic was recommended.
4. The Children's Recreation Program is currently averaging 25-30 participants. There were four classes of swim lessons with seven to seventeen participants per class. The coordination of swimming lessons with the recreation program has been a success.
5. A thank you note will go out to the Grodd family for the generous donation and installation of our new hand rails leading to the park bathrooms.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Laurie Pike, Park Commissioner

Approve: _____

Richard Hamilton, Chairman

Date: _____

Laurie Pike, Park Commissioner

Date: _____

Michael Phillips, Park Commissioner

Date: _____