

Oak Grove Farm Minutes January 31, 2019

In attendance: Steve MacInnes, John McAvoy, Sue McAvoy, Rob Elbery and Kathi Smith – Secretary. Julio Fontecchio was unable to attend.

Guest: Mike Rand – Millis Girls Softball

Guest: Ben Houde – Sparhawks Academy

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

- Sue made a motion to accept the minutes as read from the November 29, 2018 meeting. Rob seconded. All in favor.
- High school has sent payment for the use of the fields during the fall.
- Discussion about new stormwater bills sent to Oak Grove Farm. Many of the bills assigned to OGF had different addresses. After discussion with the D.P.W. it appears only one bill belongs to Oak Grove Farm. Correct billing parcel is ID#1102601.
- Abby Clark would like April 28th or May 5th for her senior project run. Kathi will email her and ask for a few specific details such as exact date, contact information, time and approximate number of participants.
- Discussion about the request from Jessica Krauss to hold her 5K runs at Oak Grove Farm for her senior project. John made a motion to allow Jessica Krauss to move forward with her plans for her senior project. Rob seconded. All in favor. Kathi will email her and ask for a few specific details such as exact date, contact information, time and approximate number of participants.
- Discussion about the request from Andy Taylor from Woodside Montessori School to hold the 3rd Annual Color run at OGF. John made a motion to allow Woodside Montessori School to hold their Color Run on May 4th at OGF. Sue seconded. All in favor. Sue will contact Andy Taylor and issue permit.

- Discussion about request from Ms. Goldstein about volunteering at OGF. The board would like to have Ms. Goldstein to a meeting and have her present her volunteering ideas. She is twelve years old and will need adult supervision.
- Guest Ben Houde from Sparhawk Academy came to the meeting to discuss possibly using the baseball field for practices. Ben explained that the school will be building fields in the next two years and is looking for a place to practice. OGF is very close to their school on Orchard Street. Sparhawk Academy is willing to work on the field and improve the condition and/or pay to use the field. Ideal time would be Monday - Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm or anything that may be available. The board has to determine who will be using the fields and get back to him.
- Guest Mike Rand for Millis Girls Softball came to the meeting to discuss use of the softball field and explained the new board is committed to taking care of the field and cleaning up along the 1st base line. The board mentioned that the last few years the field has not been maintained. Mike is working on getting insurance. Steve, John and Rob will meet Mike Rand at the field next week to discuss the best possible way to clean the brush and repair benches.
- Discussion about people damaging the fields. The damage appears to be from "pick up" football games on thawed field conditions causing ruts and indentations. The board will have to wait until spring to determine if the fields will need repair.
- Steve continues to mow at OGF and Rob also continues to mow the back trails.
- Steve will check with the accounting department to see how much money is in the OGF gift fund.
- Discussion about placing more signs around OGF. Steve showed several examples of different signs from other towns. Steve will check with the Police Chief to make sure if signs are posted "Police Take Notice" the police department is willing to enforce.
- Discussion about repairing the patio near the playground. Steve will get a quote to see how much it would cost.

- Discussion about getting brown crusher run to repair the pot holes in the parking lots.
- Steve will be working on the budget for next year. It will include asking for money to spraying for gypsy moths.
- Vote to adjourn the meeting was made by John at 9:15 pm, seconded by Steve. All in favor.
- Next meeting will be on February 21, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Smith