

SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2012

Present:

Fran Frattini – Chairman
John Wrenn – Director
Stan Greenbaum
Bill Butts
Scott Berlinger
Kris Fazzone – (arrived at 7:43pm)

Absent:

Karen Kellett – Secretary

Guests:

There were 5 people in the audience

Call to Order:

Chairman Frattini opened the June 4, 2012 Park and Recreation Commission Special Meeting at 7:35pm.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:

An application for the use of the Pavilion was given to the Commission by Amy Greene. She would like to have a birthday party on June 24, 2012 from 10am to 4pm. There will be about 40 people attending.

Scott Berlinger made a motion to approve Mrs. Greene's application for the use of the Pavilion to have a birthday party on June 24, 2012 from 10am to 4pm. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and carried unanimously.

Janine Johnson handed in an application for the use of the Pavilion to have a birthday party. This event will be held on June 30, 2012 from 10am to 3pm. About 25 people will be attending.

Stan Greenbaum made a motion to approve Mrs. Johnson's application for the use of the Pavilion to have a birthday party on June 30, 2012 from 10am to 3pm. The motion was seconded by Scott Berlinger and carried unanimously.

Kris Fazzone arrived at 7:43pm.

Chairman Frattini informed the Commission that the Cub Scouts, Pack 84, will have their annual pack meeting cookout and campout on June 8th and 9th at the Town Park in Allen's Camp Area.

Boat Slip, Canoe and Kayak Rentals:

Director Wrenn reported that there are two boat slips available. He also stated that Mr. Weiss consulted First Selectman Cope regarding the boat slip he was assigned. Director Wrenn said this particular slip tips and needs to be repaired. Director Wrenn had Mr. Weiss move his boat to the end slip for the interim until the repairs are done on the faulty slip.

There is one space open on the canoe rack.

Director Wrenn stated that the last boat dock on the "E" section was taken. It was found by Public Works, returned and reattached. The only reported damage to it was a missing board. But the dock appeared to be in tact.

Road Race Series & 2nd Annual Triathlon:

Scott Berlinger updated the Commission on the road races and triathlon. He shared that Julia's Run went well with about 230 participants. He also said all the paperwork is in for the upcoming races and told Director Wrenn he will need all lifeguards present for the triathlon.

Maintenance and Repairs:

The Commission was informed that for the foreseeable future the Compost Bathrooms located at Veteran's Field will be closed. A portable toilet will replace it.

Kris Fazzone stated that we do not maintain our facilities the way they should be maintained. He is discouraged with the results of the Public Works Department and suggests inviting them to a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to establish exactly what they are responsible for and how these responsibilities should be carried out. Mr. Fazzone questioned again why the area at Veteran's Field by the lake is not mowed. He was told that Mr. Borkowski was informed by FirstLight to discontinue the mowing due to erosion. Mr. Fazzone would like confirmation from FirstLight. Director Wrenn advised that he will follow up when he begins his summer hours.

Stan Greenbaum recommends doing an assessment of each facility to determine the specific needs of each building and create a spreadsheet of these needs including what has to be accomplished and when. This would create a map for the maintenance person to maintain the facilities properly and efficiently.

Chairman Frattini mentioned that the only window not boarded up at the beach office now has its screen missing. Kris Fazzone told the Commission he will meet with Joe Beatty at the beach office to assess the previous damage to see if he can help with repairs.

Chairman Frattini informed the Commission that the Veteran's Association has been looking for an area to store their flags and other items and it was suggested that they could use the kitchen part of the Park and Rec Storage cabin at Town Park.

Scott Berlinger would like Commission members to meet at the Town Park to look at all the Park and Recreation buildings to assess their condition.

Summer Employment:

Jeff Castaldi has met with the lifeguards and will begin working this weekend. Due to the weather the docks were supposed to be painted this past Sunday and should be ready for this weekend.

Senior and Junior Camp Directors have been interviewing eligible counselors for the past two Saturdays. The camps will be up and running on June 25, 2012.

Summer Programs:

Mike Owens presented his Speed Development and Intro to Running Series summer program to the Commission. The program is opened to experienced runners preparing for cross country, road races or involved in sports requiring speed (soccer, LAX, baseball) as well anyone interested in getting into running shape. There will be 2 sections held on Wednesdays and Fridays from July 11th to August 10th. The first section will be for ages 8-13 from 6:00pm to 6:45pm and the second section will be for ages 14- adult from 6:45 to 7:30. The cost for this program is \$15/individual sessions, or \$100/all ten sessions.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve Mike Owen's Speed Development/ Intro to Running Series summer program which will be held from July 11, 2012 thru August 10, 2012. The program will consist of two sections: 6:00pm - 6:45pm for ages 8-13; 6:45pm - 7:30pm for ages 14 to adult. The cost of the program is \$15 for each individual sessions or \$100 for all ten sessions. The motion was seconded by Scott Berlinger and carried unanimously.

Income and Expenses:

Chairman Frattini stated that at the last BoS meeting there was an agenda item regarding employees on probation. She explained she had attended as Mr. Wrenn had a baseball game he was coaching and she had informed the BoS that Park and Recreation has set up a system to keep track of Income and Expenses. She has been reconciling the bank statements and the BoS responded positively to this update. The Treasurer has also given Director Wrenn instructions on how to make the Park and Rec deposits directly to the Town's account. Director Wrenn is still on probation until September.

Director Wrenn informed the Commission that the income for the past month totals \$1160.00 from kayak rentals.

Director's Report:

Chairman Frattini informed the Commission that Susan Stein has resigned from her position on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Director Wrenn read a letter he received from a resident regarding the tall grass located at Veteran's Field by the lake. As previously noted, Director Wrenn will contact First Light to see if in fact this section cannot be mowed.

Adjournment:

Scott Berlinger moved to adjourn the June 4, 2012 Special Park and Recreation Commission Meeting at 9:10pm. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Lynn Silk
Recording Secretary