

# SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2013

**Present:**

Fran Frattini – Chairman  
John Wrenn - Director  
Karen Kellett – Secretary (arrived at 7:47pm)  
Scott Berlinger  
Kris Fazzino  
William Butts

**Absent:**

Stan Greenbaum

**Guests:**

Selectman Chris Jellen & Jim Munch were present in the audience.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Frattini opened the February 11, 2013 Park and Recreation Meeting at 7:42pm.

**Minutes:**

*Chairman Frattini asked for a motion to approve the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2012 as written from her notes. The motion was moved by Kris Fazzino, seconded by Scott Berlinger and carried unanimously.*

*Chairman Frattini asked for a motion to approve the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012 as written from her notes. The motion was moved by Kris Fazzino, seconded by Scott Berlinger and carried unanimously.*

*Chairman Frattini asked for a motion to approve the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013 as written. The motion was moved by Kris Fazzino, seconded by Scott Berlinger and carried unanimously.*

**Correspondence:**

Chairman Frattini received a note stating that tree work is needed at the Town Park. There are some trees by the playground that should be removed. She noted that there is money in the budget to complete this task and also help cover some of the cost to replace the front window and fix the wall at the beach office.

Jim Munch offered his services to do a selective tree harvest on the Murphy Tract. He would walk the property and mark the trees he would remove for the Park and Recreation Commission's approval. Park and Recreation would also receive the proceeds from the sale of the timber. Kris Fazzino suggested that any money received should be earmarked for the maintenance of the Town trails. Chairman Frattini will communicate with the Selectmen's Office that the Park and Recreation Commission members are all in favor of this request.

*Scott Berlinger made a motion to accept Jim Munch's offer to do a selective tree harvest at the Murphy Tract and all proceeds going to Park and Recreation will be used to maintain the trails. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzino and carried unanimously.*

The Commission discussed the proposal for Affordable Senior Housing anticipated to be built on the Murphy Tract. Kris Fazzino questioned why the Senior Housing Commission did not approach Park and Recreation with their proposal when Park and Recreation maintains the desired property. Selectman Jellen informed the Commission the placing of the actual site has not yet been determined as there are many factors to consider.

Bill Butts raised the issue for the necessity of sidewalks from the development to the center of town and would this conflict with the Historical District's restrictions.

### **Old Business:**

Chairman Frattini announced that Lynn Silk is stepping down from the position of Clerk for Park and Recreation and Mary Jo Dix will be taking her place.

Director Wrenn informed everyone that there are still 12 boat slips available.

Scott Berlinger apprised the Commission that preparations are moving forward for the Road Races and Triathlon.

Director Wrenn reported that the Winter Programs, basketball and skiing, are doing well.

Chairman Frattini updated the Commission with concerns surrounding Kyle Kellett's Eagle Scout project. She was informed that he did need permits to construct the dugouts at Veteran's Field. Even though he built it as a temporary structure for the interim it is still considered a structure and required permits to build. Chairman Frattini met with First Selectman Clay Cope, ZEO, Ron Cooper, Building Inspector, Bill Jenks and the Scout leaders regarding this issue to prevent Mr. Kellett from not receiving his Eagle Scout status. Procedures to secure the structure were discussed.

### **New Business:**

Chairman Frattini raised the question "Should Park and Recreation have a Facebook page?" It was previously discussed that the Summer Camp would have a private Facebook page permitting only those involved with camp to access it. The Town had mentioned developing a Facebook page and asked if Park and Recreation would like to have their own Facebook link on that page. Bill Butts will speak to his wife regarding this as she is very familiar with creating Facebook pages.

The Commission discussed the 2013-2014 Sherman Park and Recreation Budget at length. Director Wrenn distributed copies of the proposed Park and Recreation Budget. Each page was individually reviewed and changes were made where needed.

The question was asked if the boat slips are not all rented by summer can non-residents use them at a slightly elevated cost. Chairman Frattini reported that the Town by-laws state that only town residents can use the boat slips.

Kris Fazzone suggested that the lifeguards should have a higher pay wage considering the responsibility their position requires. Chairman Frattini would like to find out what the other Town Parks on the Lake and the State lifeguards at Squantz Pond are paid as a basis for comparison.

*Kris Fazzone made a motion to pass the Park and Recreation 2013-2014 Budget for \$135,229.00 which does not include a raise for the Director. Capital Improvements include a four year plan for dock replacements including the boardwalk, Beach office repairs and 2 barbeques for the Town Park. The motion was seconded by Bill Butts and carried unanimously.*

Chairman Frattini noted that the Town Budget Meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2013 and begins at 9:00am.

Kris Fazzone left at 9:28pm.

**Director's Report:**

Director Wrenn's report was included in discussed items previously during the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

*Scott Berlinger moved to adjourn the February 11, 2013 Regular Park and Recreation Commission Meeting at 9:30pm. The motion was seconded by Karen Kellett and carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett  
Park and Recreation Secretary

Lynn Silk  
Recording Secretary