



**SHERMAN  
PARK AND RECREATION**

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**SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 12, 2013**

**Present:**

Fran Frattini – Chairman  
John Wrenn – Director  
Kris Fazzone  
Stan Greenbaum  
Denise DePalma

**Absent:**

Scott Berlinger  
Karen Kellett  
William Butts

**Guests:**

Alvin Tuck,  
Chris Jellen,  
Danielle Christie,  
Joann Ribisil,  
David Hopkins were present in the audience.

**Call to order:**

Chairman Frattini called the August 12, 2013 Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:37pm.

**Minutes:**

*A motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting minutes was made by Kris Fazzone. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously.*

**Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

**Old Business:**

1. Joanne Ribisil requested use of the pavilion on September 1, 2013 from noon to 6:00pm for a birthday party with 30 people. All fees and paperwork were handed in. *A motion to accept the application was made by Stan Greenbaum. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzino. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Alvin Tuck requested use of the pavilion for a Porsche Club event on August 25 from 11am - 5pm for 20 people. All fees and paperwork were handed in. *A motion to accept the application was made by Kris Fazzino. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum. The motion passed unanimously*

3. It was noted that the two kayaks reported stolen as mentioned in the July 8, 2013 minutes were not actually stolen but merely moved to a different location by Park and Recreation staff when it was discovered that they had been put in the wrong rack slots. Owners were notified.

4. Streetlight at boat docks reported as broken, electricity at beach house now working and mold test results for beach office not in yet.

5. Babi Floyd Memorial Concert update given by Denise DePalma. Plans are coming along, people are getting back to her about performing and early October is likely target time for concert.

6. Stan Greenbaum and Fran Frattini spent seven hours so far working on getting Park and Recreation accounts into Quikbooks. There is more to do.

7. Stan Greenbaum had attended the Step Up Volunteer meeting. Judd's Challenge on September 29 from 10 - 5 was discussed. At the November Step Up meeting, developing a calendar of community events will be discussed, possibly including all local organizations tag sales and other fundraising efforts.

8. Kris Fazzino opened a discussion of beach conditions and waterfront staff performance. Included in the discussion were the high quality of swim instruction, lifeguards involvement in maintenance issues and suggestions for improvements in both pay scale and job performance. Conditions on beach and in pavilion were discussed as well as regular evaluations, rainy day duties and increased training efforts. John Wrenn will pass on the compliments, concerns and suggestions from the commission to the waterfront staff. Park rules being handed to pass holders was discussed.

## **New Business:**

1. John Wrenn introduced Danielle Christie, applicant for the job of co-director of SPARK. Mr. Wrenn and Mrs. Frattini had interviewed 5 individuals and wished to recommend Ms. Christie for the position. There was a discussion.

*Kris Fazzone made a motion to recommend that the Selectmen approve hiring Danielle Christie as co-director of SPARK. Stan Greenbaum seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

2. John Wrenn noted that the Commission would like to be able to hire Ben Krier one day per week for SPARK, probably Wednesdays, and if needed, as an occasional substitute supervisor for SPARK.

There was a discussion.

*Stan Greenbaum made a motion to recommend that the Selectmen approve hiring Ben Krier for one day per week and occasional substitute for SPARK. Kris Fazzone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

3. Fran Frattini noted that Jody Clark, an art aide at the Sherman School, would be a good choice to hire as a substitute for SPARK also. There was a discussion.

*Kris Fazzone made a motion to recommend that the Selectmen approve hiring Jody Clark as an occasional substitute for SPARK. Denise DePalma seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

4. There was a discussion about the Happy Acres Foundation. Fran Frattini suggested that it may be helpful to have a representative from Park and Recreation attend the foundation's meetings. The department could offer help with the foundation's future need for property rules and regulations based on ones already developed for Park and Recreation's use. There was a discussion. Denise DePalma volunteered to liason with the Happy Acres Foundation.

5. Stan Greenbaum gave an update from a recent Senior Housing Committee meeting. Proposed driveway location behind the current parking lot was described. There was a discussion.

6. There was a discussion about possible adult education classes in the fall. Denise DePalma is coordinating the classes. There was a discussion, including possible fees, locations, instructors, subjects, timing and use of facilities. Ms. DePalma noted that she thought classes might start in mid-October.

## **Director's Report:**

Mr. Wrenn shared the following information:

1. Senior Camp had 83 children enrolled. Junior Camp had 43.

2. Both went very well and he has not received any negative comments.
3. Swim instruction program had 91 lessons, baseball camp had 14 last week and soccer camp has 10 enrolled so far.
4. There were no official tennis group lessons but there were private lessons for 5 individual participants.
5. Lego camp was canceled due to lack of enrollment.
6. There had been a very small amount of marijuana found at the pavilion at the town park. It was reported to the state trooper. There was a discussion about the possibility of drug testing Park and Recreation staff, including employers rights, associated budget issues, random versus prerequisite testing and the scope such testing might take.
7. There is a new ladder on the second dock. The bill is still pending.
8. A donation from the ice cream man had been received, based on his profits after summer sales at camp.
9. The Pears was reportedly a very good concert which people enjoyed on the shore and from their boats. The water carnival was the same day and a good time was had by all.
10. The next concert is Don Lowe on Saturday, August 17 from 1:00 until 3:00 or later. All concerts are at the pavilion at the town park.
11. Park and Recreation accounts are to be audited Tuesday August 13 at 10am in Mr. Wrenn's office.
12. The Park and Recreation checking account details from March until present were shared with the commission.
13. During a clean out of the beach office several old local area maps were discovered, along with other old records. The list of maps included documents from 1940's to 1980's. David Hopkins expressed an interest in seeing maps and Mr. Wrenn invited him to meet at the Park and Recreation office to have a look.

14. The results of the mold testing that had been done on the beach office were not in yet. Past and possible future repairs were discussed, including to the beach office, tennis courts and docks. A possible development of a new 5-year plan was discussed.

*Denise DePalma made a motion to adjourn the August 12, 2013 Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 9:06pm. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzone and passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett  
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix  
Recording Secretary

**These minutes are not considered official until they  
have been approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting  
of the Park and Recreation Commission.**