



**SHERMAN  
PARK AND RECREATION**

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

October 7, 2013

**Present:**

Fran Frattini-Chairman  
John Wrenn-Director  
Kris Fazzone  
Karen Kellett  
William Butts  
Stan Greenbaum

**Absent**

Denise DePalma  
Scott Berlinger

**Guests:**

Chris Jellen, Jimmy Munch, David Hopkins were present in the audience.

**Call to order:**

Chairman Fran Frattini called the October 7, 2013 Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:31pm.

**Minutes:**

A motion to approve the September 9, 2013 Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting minutes was made by Karen Kellett. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzone and the minutes were accepted as written unanimously.

Fran Frattini invited guest Jimmy Munch to speak first. Mr. Munch gave the Commission an update on the tree work he was doing at the Town Park. It was noted that Kris Fazzone had visited the site of Mr. Munch's work. Red caution tape reading "danger" and "keep out" signs had been

posted by Mr. Munch during work hours. Mr. much described the clearing he had done and a few areas that may need more trees cut or brush removed. Mr. Munch summed up the money turned in to town hall from the sale of the lumber: \$400 previously and another \$1200 ready to turn in. Mr. Munch invited commissioners to come to the park and check out the "after" view of the project. Kris Fazzone, Fran Frattini and Stan Greenbaum made a tentative plan to meet Mr. Munch at the park over the coming weekend. There was further discussion about covering an open cistern on the property. In addition, clearing brush and landscaping around Park and Recreation's beach cottage was discussed. These areas may be investigated when the commissioners visit the park this weekend.

**Correspondence:**

John Wrenn had received a bill from the Board of Education for \$1,804.88 from lights and air conditioning for the cafeteria, multi-purpose room, bathrooms and related hallways used by the summer camp. It was noted that last year the amount was \$1500. A discussion followed, including reasoning behind Park and Recreation being billed by BOE, the need to put this amount in the camp budget, the history of how rates were increased to cover this cost and the overlap in areas shared by BOE and Park and Recreation.

**Old Business:**

John Wrenn noted that he had reported the broken street lamp at the town park to Ruth Byrnes to advise CL&P and was told it would be fixed in 2 weeks.

The Scout House is in the process of mold remediation and the process is nearly complete.

Denise DePalma sent a note to Fran Frattini stating that she had been in touch with several musicians regarding a Babi Floyd Memorial concert and the consensus was that next summer would be a better time to get this event together. Also it was noted that this would be a better time for the family as well.

Fran Frattini had looked into the future viability of having a water fountain at Veterans Field. It was noted that the previous water fountains had been removed due to health concerns. Mrs. Frattini noted that after a conversation with the Town Sanitarian, Tim Simkins that any new fountain at the field would have to have a reliable, potable water source and be tested at least monthly during the heavy use season. It did not seem to be a prudent idea for the Park and Recreation Commission to pursue especially at a time when most people brought their own water bottles and did not seem to want to drink from public fountains. Mrs. Frattini advised Scott Berlinger who had shown an interest in having water fountains installed.

There was discussion of boat dock rules. Sherman Park and Recreation's rules were reviewed and compared to regulations from a few other nearby areas. A draft of boat dock rules and a user agreement submitted by a resident were reviewed. The possibility of revising the current set of rules and composing a user agreement or "Boater's Code of Conduct" to pass out to boat slip owners in the spring was discussed. The Commission will work on this over the next few months to have ready for the spring of 2014. Stan Greenbaum suggested some sort of uniformity with other towns on the lake. Kris Fazzino suggested that Commissioners review the handouts from this meeting and highlight the elements that should go into a Boater's Code of Conduct to be discussed at a future meeting.

There was a discussion about the possibility of Park and Recreation sponsoring a boating class some time over the coming winter. It was noted that some classes require 8 - 10 hours of class time and have been successful running on a Friday night and Saturday morning.

**New Business:**

Denise DePalma had emailed Fran Frattini with a long list of potential adult education courses, including but not limited to: Pilates, ballet, selling on EBay, knitting, drumming, French, cooking and crafts. Possible sites for classes were discussed.

There was a discussion about extending the end time for Saturday basketball from 12-noon to 1:00. The topics of closing the building later than noon, who would be in charge and various security issues were discussed. Kris Fazzone and John Wrenn will be in touch with one another and figure out if this request is feasible.

Wrestling and volleyball were discussed. Volleyball has begun.

Improving the maintenance of Park and Recreation properties was explored. It was suggested that a written schedule of necessary maintenance be developed to assist the town crew in knowing what and when things need to get done. Of particular note was the beach house, with exterior maintenance needed for the life and appearance of the building. It was mentioned that the new facilities manager could implement this proposed list of maintenance tasks which could include what properties Park and Recreation owns and what each needs listed by season.

Tennis courts were discussed, including related budget issues.

**Director's Report:**

John Wrenn distributed his annual detailed financial summary for all summer programs. Swim lessons were about the same as last year; Senior Camp had 83 participants or 5 more than last year; Junior Camp had 43 campers, also up from last year; tennis lessons did not happen; the second soccer camp was cancelled for lack of enrollment; Lego Camp did not go but will be offered again next year. Overall summer expenditures versus revenue appeared to be almost a wash.

Spark program has had 15 participants on some days and only 6 or 7 on other days. Danielle Christie and Ben Krier are running the program and are doing well.

Stan Greenbaum made a motion to adjourn the October 7, 2013 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzone and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.

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.