



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

**January 13, 2014**

**Present:**

Fran Frattini – Chairman  
John Wrenn – Director  
William Butts  
Scott Berlinger  
Kris Fazzino  
Karen Kellett  
Stan Greenbaum

**Absent:**

Denise DePalma

**Guests:** Bob Ostrosky, Selectman

**Call to order:**

Chairman Frattini called the January 13, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:31pm.

**Minutes:**

*A motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting minutes was made by Stan Greenbaum. The motion was seconded by Scott Berlinger and minutes were accepted as written unanimously.*

**Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

**Old Business:**

1. Commission members Scott Berlinger, Kris Fazzino and Stan Greenbaum were reappointed for a three-year term.
2. Scott Berlinger described upcoming road races in Sherman. The Sherman Triathlon will be held on Saturday, July 12. A 5K race will be run on Saturday May 3 and will be a benefit for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. A second race will be run at Veterans Field and a third at Sega Meadows Park in New Milford. Racecourses are planned to limit or eliminate use of state

roads to reduce the costs of police required and therefore increase donations to the selected charitable cause.

3. Stan Greenbaum updated the commission on several issues including progress with the computer system at the Park and Recreation office. Mr. Greenbaum noted that Jim Luchsinger put SPARK on the new computer. Work on inputting Park and Rec. financial information will continue in the spring. A new phone system for the school and a possible collaboration with town offices, including Park and Recreation, was discussed. Vendor choices, technology advances, inter-connectivity, back-up security, redundancy, school, town and firehouse needs were included in the discussion. In addition, Mr. Greenbaum described his participation in the hiring process for a new town facilities manager. He noted that the field of candidates had been narrowed down to two individuals and a recommendation had been sent to the Board of Selectmen. Bob Ostrosky indicated that a decision had been made but had not yet been made public.

**New Business:**

1. The 2014-15 budget was discussed. The budget will be discussed at the February meeting. Fran Frattini asked the commission to think about items they might want to be included in the capital improvement part of the budget. Dock improvements were discussed, including looking into the possibility of going to a town meeting for funds for docks instead of the waiting for the budget process. Liability issues were discussed. John Wrenn noted that there were still boat slips available to rent. Tennis court repairs, options for replacement, relocating and the possibility of re-purposing courts into a dog park were discussed.

2. John Wrenn will look into possibilities for repair to the ruts in the track at Veterans Field.

3. There was a discussion about coordinating with the Senior Housing project with some possible Park and Recreation projects including work on the soccer fields, parking lot, and community gardens. Passive recreation at Veterans Field was also discussed.

4. Stan Greenbaum described a recommendation from the facilities manager search committee to form a Town Facilities Committee to informally assist the facilities manager with representatives from each town group that has facilities.

5. Scott Berlinger noted a need for water to be available on Veterans Field. A history of attempts get water to the field was reviewed. An option of being able to fill water bottles from an outdoor spigot at the school was discussed. It was thought that a seasonal shut-off valve would be in order.

6. Bob Ostrosky asked about the management of the Park and Recreation website. There was a discussion about options to update the website to include links to forms and applications. In addition, information about steps to take if an individual wanted to run a program for Park and Recreation could be posted on the website. It was decided that Stan Greenbaum and Bob Ostrosky would meet with Jim Luchsinger regarding website updates.

**Director' Report:**

John Wrenn reported the following information:

1. There was an average of 10 children per day in SPARK in December. The program took in \$2,500 this month and \$7,300 to date. Total expenses to date are to be determined. One of the 3 SPARK directors, Ben Krier, has moved on to do student teaching.

2. Basketball for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders has 15 participants; the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade group has 30 children. Overall the numbers are very good.

3. Skiing has begun at Thunder Ridge. It is open enrollment with Thursday night being designated as the night for Sherman residents to request discounted lift tickets. Residents should call the mountain directly to sign up for classes, which are offered 7 days a week. There was a detailed discussion about a possible boating course, including available instructors, length of the course and possible options for schedules for the course. Stan Greenbaum suggested that between March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> might be an ideal time to schedule the boating course. It will be discussed at the next meeting. John Wrenn will reorganize the boating regulations to present at one of the next meetings in the form of a boaters "code" agreement as discussed at a previous meeting.

Scott Berlinger made a motion to adjourn the January 13, 2014 Park and Recreation Regular Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

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.**