



SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION

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Present:

Fran Frattini – Chairman
John Wrenn – Director
Kris Fazzone
William Butts
Karen Kellett – Secretary

Absent:

Denise DePalma
Scott Berlinger
Stan Greenbaum

Guests:

There were no guests present in the audience.

Call to order:

Chairman Frattini called the March 10, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting minutes was made by Kris Fazzone. The motion was seconded by Karen Kellett and passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Old Business:

- John Wrenn noted that the budget hearing went well, although lightly attended by commission members.
- John Wrenn shared information, diagrams and a surface sample for potential repairs/replacement of tennis courts from a Woodbury company called Classic Turf. There was a discussion of 3 possible options, including fencing, the number and layout of courts, and cost for each option. The commission recommended the option that included 2 full sized courts, the third court being turned into 4 children's sized courts and a new fence to divide them. They would prefer that all courts be redone with Classic Turf's process referred to as post tension concrete and prime coating, at a cost of approximately \$220,000. A less desirable choice

would be to have the children's court repainted and only do the concrete process on the 2 adult courts, for approximately \$133,000.

- Mr. Wrenn continued with the budget hearing report, discussing Park and Recreation staff salaries, noting that there had not been a raise in 4 years and the hourly rate was low compared to area towns.
- The dock rental fee of \$900 and \$50 surcharge for improvements were discussed. It was noted that the surcharge had been collected for four or five years and no improvements have been made to the docks. The long-term benefits of dock improvements were discussed, such as increased boat slip rentals. Replacement of the docks was a priority and then the boardwalk could be done in sections.
- Repairs to the Veterans Field bathroom and the beach house were discussed. It was noted that an itemized list of each needed repair had been requested at the budget hearing. Mr. Wrenn noted that he had contacted Mr. Spaziani the new Facilities Manager and such a list would be available soon.
- The reorganized Boat Mooring Guidelines and Regulations were distributed by Mr. Wrenn for the commission's review. It was based on the current ordinance and rules. The only addition states "the cleanliness of the mooring is the responsibility of the mooring tenant. No generators, cook stoves, boat covers or any such other items may be left on the docks or the boardwalk."
- There was a discussion about handing out the guidelines with the slip assignments, the need for the license plate number to be on the resident's beach pass, use of the boat launch by residents. And adding a "date revised" note on the guidelines.

William Butts made a motion to accept the Boat Mooring Guidelines and Regulations as presented and that they are to be given out to each renter with each boat slip assignments along with the beach pass. Kris Fazzone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- The dugouts were discussed. It was noted that the project to get the dugouts back on the field was slated for the 2015-16 season. The one that had been cut up can potentially be put back together and replaced on the field. Approvals will need to be obtained. Kris Fazzone had discussed this project with Ron Cooper and FirstLight's Brian Wood. Karen Kellett would like to be included in future meetings regarding the dugout project.
- Kris Fazzone noted that he objects to one town agency charging another town agency for use of a town facility as with the BOE for the electricity during Park and Rec's Summer Junior Camp.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to charge the Board of Education for use of the fields equal to the amount that Park and Recreation is charged by the BOE for the air conditioning

used in the cafeteria by Junior Camp. There was a discussion. William Butts seconded. A vote was taken with Kris Fazzone voting yes, William Butts voting no, Karen Kellett abstaining and Fran Frattini voting no and breaking the tie. The motion was defeated.

- Adult Education was discussed. John Wrenn stated that no one had signed up for Karate, which was scheduled to start tonight, March 10. (Although no one signed up 5 did show up for the class on March 10th)

New Business:

- There was a discussion about the outhouses down near the beach. Fran Frattini will contact the Historical Society to check on their preference, as outhouses are historical in the State of CT.
- Fran Frattini had a discussion with Clay Cope prior to budget time about possible improvements and expansion of Park and Recreation activities. The Commission had previously proposed a Park and Recreation assistant's position for 3 or 4 hours per day during the week to facilitate new program creation and registrations. The proposal included a little office space at town hall where the facility and equipment could be shared. Teen centers in the area, previous teen night attempts and other past middle school programs were discussed.
- Fran Frattini noted that she had set up a Park and Recreation page on Facebook. It is a page that allows no public comment. Updating the Park and Recreation website was also discussed.

Director's Report:

- The Selectmen are considering a committee to work with Frank Spaziani to look at all facilities and create a schedule of maintenance and repairs. Stan Greenbaum had previously stated that he would like to be the representative to this committee from Park and Rec.
- John Wrenn distributed a Park and Recreation Facilities inventory with maintenance needs. There was a discussion. It was noted that in the Veterans Park section, the basketball court and gazebo needed to be added, as well as clearing snow for the maintenance section of Schimpf Pond. It was noted that monitoring the gas heating system at the Scout House was not a Park and Recreation responsibility since all fuel systems were now controlled by the town. Mr. Wrenn suggested discussing maintenance at facilities in depth at next month's meeting.
- Mr. Wrenn had been approached by the resident trooper who wanted to rent a boat slip. He does not live in Sherman. A discussion of non-resident rentals of boat slips followed, including preference for residents and the recent trend of having some available slips. It should be noted that renting slips to out-of-town residents was brought up at the recent Budget Hearing by one of the selectmen.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to allow non-residents to rent a boat slip after April 15 if

openings exist at the cost of \$1100, representing \$1050 rental plus the \$50 maintenance surcharge. William Butts seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Prior to April 15th slips are available only to Town Residents on the grand list.

- John Wrenn described the department's needs for a copier and a shredder and that there was money for these items in the current budget. There was a discussion.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to buy a shredder and a combination copier/printer for the Park and Recreation office. Karen Kellett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Kris Fazzone left the meeting at 9:30pm.
- John Wrenn reported that there was about 3 weeks left to the youth basketball season.
- The checking account report was distributed with no checks written in February. Mr. Wrenn needs a few checks signed and will meet with Fran Frattini at a later date. Checking Account balance as of 3/10/14 is \$6055.84.
- SPARK is averaging 9 participants per day. The program expenditures on staff salaries and snack items are greater than the revenue generated. There was a discussion including the fact that each day there is the minimum number of staff, one director and one teen.
- A SPARK Facebook page was added by the director. Among other things it will advertise the fact that children can be signed up for an occasional use or just one or two days per week.
- The computer that Stan Greenbaum had obtained for Park and Recreation is no longer functioning.
- Junior Camp will need a new director for this coming summer and the position will be posted and then advertised.

Karen Kellett made a motion to adjourn the March 10, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 9:38pm. The motion was seconded by William Butts 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.