



SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION

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Minutes of Regular Meeting June 9, 2014

Present:

Fran Frattini, Chairman
John Wrenn, Director
Kris Fazzino
Karen Kellett
Stan Greenbaum

Absent

Denise DePalma
Scott Berlinger
William Butts

Guests:

Dr. Krier was present in the audience.

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the June 9, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:24pm.

Minutes:

A motion to approve the May 12, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting minutes was made by Stan Greenbaum. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzino and the minutes were accepted as written unanimously.

Pavilion Rentals:

Dr. Krier had turned in a request for use of the Town Park facilities for a Pet Memorial Candlelight Vigil on Sunday, September 14 from 5:00 – 7:00pm for National Pet Memorial Day. The request was approved.

Fran Frattini had previously approved a request for use of the Town Beach for Boy Scout Troop 48's Court of Honor on June 9. However due to the rain, the activity was being held at Holy Trinity Church.

Correspondence:

Fran Frattini had received an email from Selectman Ostrosky asking for feedback on the proposed Facilities Management Committee. Mrs. Frattini responded, saying that Park

and Recreation had been in favor of the committee all along, seeing it as filling a need to communicate with other agencies in town to coordinate maintenance projects. Mrs. Frattini reported on emails she had received pertaining to maintenance of the Veterans' Field Restroom facility, cleaning of the restrooms at both Veterans' Field and the Town Park pavilion. During the season, the Park and Rec. summer maintenance person, Kyle Borkowski will do the cleaning. Charges and supplies were discussed. Power timed locks for the bathrooms at Veterans' Field were discussed, including the need for changing batteries at the beginning of the season and removing them at the close of the season. Mr. Wrenn will talk to Mr. Spaziani about the locks. Beach office repairs were discussed.

Old Business:

Stan Greenbaum had met with Frank Spaziani and reviewed the updated list of Park and Recreation facilities and their maintenance needs. They plan to meet with Donny Borkowski about maintenance issues also. Mr. Spaziani plans to create a spreadsheet listing all facilities and related maintenance needs. Each facility or field will be treated individually and will include what has been done, what needs to be done and how to move forward. The goal is to create a joint plan to identify needs, allocate assets to coordinate and figure out how to move forward with projects. Frank Spaziani asked to be on the agenda for the next Park and Rec. meeting in July.

It was noted that there was soccer practice being held on Colonial Field during mass at Holy Trinity Church. There has been an agreement in place that games would not be played during services at the Church and the soccer club will be called and reminded. It was further noted that the Church has allowed soccer club parking in their lot but only when services was not in session.

Mrs. Frattini noted that she has done inventory for First Light locating everything presently on Veterans Field including size and location. Mrs. Frattini and Mr. Fazzone will be meeting with Brian Wood of FLPR regarding a blanket permit for any repairs to items presently on Veterans' Field and also on future projects on Veterans Field such as the proposed dugouts.

Mr. Wrenn noted that the new computer was now working well at the Park and Recreation office.

Repairs to the playground at Veterans Field were discussed. Mr. Greenbaum will discuss this when he meets with Mr. Spaziani, including a time line for inspections. State of Connecticut playground safety standards were discussed, as well as the playground safety manual from the insurance company. Mrs. Frattini gave Mr. Wrenn CD's from CIRMA with camp counselor and summer maintenance safety information for possible use with the summer staff training.

Mr. Greenbaum gave an update on the proposed Senior Housing Commission project, including possibilities for giving gardeners more space and water, and expanding the soccer fields. It was suggested that Mr. Wrenn talk to veteran gardeners like Seb Smith about possible changes to the community gardens. Sharing resources between the Senior Housing Commission and Park and Recreation was discussed.

There was a request from the Candlewood Lake Authority to paint stenciled signs on the boat launch ramp. It would say, "Clean. Drain. Dry. Stop Aquatic Hitchhiking." in a red and white triangle format. On the north ramp, it would be painted on the road. On the south ramp, it would be painted on the ramp itself.

A motion to approve the Lake Authority painting of "Clean. Drain. Dry." stencils on both boat launch ramps at the Town Park was made by Stan Greenbaum. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzone and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Frattini had received an email from Denise DePalma regarding a possible band willing to play for a Babi Floyd memorial concert. There was a discussion, including local musicians that might be interested in participating.

The Summer Concert Series was discussed. Karen Kellett noted that she had received an email from Al Burgasser related to bands interested in playing, including Cripple Creek, The Pears, Suzanne Lumos, Blue Yodels, Western Round-Up, Red Dirt Road, Class Action and Don Lowe. Mr. Wrenn suggested a line up of bands that had not yet played in the series, namely Western Round-Up, Class Action and Uncorked. The number of concerts, fees, scheduling and food sales were discussed. Karen Kellett will contact Al Burgasser and discuss the concerts. The consensus was to try for 2 concerts in July 2 in August and maybe one in the early fall. It was noted that \$1500 was budgeted for the concerts. If another \$500 more could be added from Park and Rec. program funds so there could possibly be 5 concerts at around \$400 each.

New Business:

Dog issues at Veterans Field were discussed. There had been complaints of dogs not in the control of their owners as well as owners failing to clean up after their pets. Banning dogs from Veterans Field was discussed. It was the consensus that for the time being, the Commission would ask all dog owners to please control their dogs and pick up after them. Area dog ordinances were discussed. Stan Greenbaum suggested writing another note to Selectmen regarding the dog issues on town property. Mrs. Frattini read the note she had previously sent on this matter. There was further discussion about instituting an ordinance with fines imposed on violators.

Speeding on Saw Mill Road was discussed, Mr. Wrenn with contact the resident trooper about monitoring the road especially during camp time.

There was a short discussion about the Happy Acres property.

Director's Report:

John Wrenn distributed the checking account report; there was no activity during May.

He also reported the following:

- Efforts continue to get funds from Care For Kids for SPARK and to use a direct deposit system.
- A problem with a pontoon boat in the D section was solved by moving the pontoon to the end slip.
- There was a sunken boat at the docks that had been removed.
- Room use conflicts at the school were discussed. It was suggested that room use forms be filed with the school for all the days that Park and Rec. needs the cafeteria to avoid future conflicts.
- There has been the following numbers of enrollments for summer programs so far: 18 for Senior camp, 12 for Junior Camp, 12 for swimming lessons, 2 for baseball camp and some interest in soccer.
- Nicole Thorpe had proposed a sign language class after the summer brochure had gone to print. Mr. Wrenn will put it in the newspaper and on the website and Mrs. Frattini will post on Facebook.

There was also discussion of the following items:

- the beach house air conditioning and refrigerator;
- the facilities list including possibility of getting measurements and features of each of the town's facilities to help calculate needs for maintenance materials like fertilizer, weed killer, and mulch;
- the work being done by Jim Munch, including logs being removed, grading and seeding;
- and finally Munch Meadows and open space.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the June 9, 2014 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

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until they have been approved
at the next regularly scheduled meeting
of the Park and Recreation Commission.***