



**SHERMAN  
PARK AND RECREATION**

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**Sherman Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2015**

**Present:**

Fran Frattini-Chairman  
John Wrenn-Director  
Kris Fazzino  
William Butts  
Karen Kellett

**Absent:**

Denise DePalma  
Scott Berlinger  
Stan Greenbaum

**Guests:** Dylan Shiland, Marie Hatcher, Dr. Dale Krier, and Eloise Stager

**Call to order:**

Chairman Fran Frattini called the March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7: 50 pm. (Note: meeting began late as a Quorum was not present until 7:50PM)

**Pavilion and Facilities Rentals:**

Dylan Shiland requested a change in the date previously approved at the September 8, 2014 meeting for overflow parking at Volunteer Park from April 4 to May 16, for the Road Race he is conducting for his Eagle Scout Project. There was a discussion including other activities going on the same day and the need for a certificate of insurance for the church. Dylan will look into getting the certificate from the Scouts.

*Kris Fazzino made a motion to accept the request of date change from April 4 to May 16 for overflow parking as previously approved during the road race organized by Dylan Shiland. The motion was seconded by William Butts and passed unanimously.*

Eloise Stager requested the use of Veterans Field, the gazebo and parking lot for a

town wide picnic and “Run, Walk and Roll” road race on Saturday May 23. The event would be to raise awareness and funds for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a genetic degenerative connective tissue disorder. Many in Ms. Stager’s family have this disease and part of the proceeds would go to offset medical expenses and part will go to research. Al Burgasser and Don Lowe have agreed to donate their talents to provide entertainment and Billy Buckley volunteered to emcee. Fast Track Racing will handle the race details. The race will not be on any state roads.

There was a discussion including information about the disease, possible time frame for the event, routes for 3K and 5K runs/walks/rolls, sources for food, grilles, other volunteers, events that might conflict with and/or compliment this event, need for constables, ambulance and handicap porta-pots. Ms. Stager was referred to the First Selectman’s Office for any additional event planning needs.

*Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve the use of Veterans Field and its gazebo, the Town Park and the Town Park parking lot for overflow parking for the Ms. Stager’s picnic and road race on May 23 with the stipulation that if this date does not work out Ms. Stager will need to contact John Wrenn with a new date. The motion was seconded by Karen Kellett and passed unanimously.*

Dr. Dale Krier, who had to leave early due to an emergency, had submitted a request for use of the Town Park pavilion on Sunday September 13, 2015 for National Pet memorial event for 50-100 people. A donation will cover the pavilion fee for the event.

*Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve the use of the Town Park Pavilion for a September 13 Pet Memorial by Dr. Dale Krier. The motion was seconded by Karen Kellett and passed unanimously.*

John Wrenn noted that the Sturkee family had submitted a facility request for the Pavilion for a reunion in June but it was for 50 or fewer people so Mr. Wrenn will handle it.

**Minutes of December 9, 2014 Meeting:**

*A motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting minutes was made by Kris Fazzone. The motion was seconded by Karen Kellett and passed unanimously.*

There were no minutes to approve from the January 12, 2015 meeting as it had been canceled.

**Minutes of the February Special Meeting:**

*A motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2015 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Special Meeting minutes was made by Kris Fazzino. The motion was seconded by William Butts and passed unanimously.*

**Correspondence:**

Fran Frattini had received a letter from the Historic District Commission stating that they were in favor of preserving the outhouses at the town park and that they are historic buildings. It was noted that the Historical Society was also in favor of the preservation effort. There was a discussion including possible sources of funding, the possibility of the HDC and the HS taking the lead on this preservation project, signage for the outhouses designating their historical significance and listing them on photographic historical tours.

There was a review of the gutter repair project needed on the Scout House. It was noted that since the Historical Society wanted a specific, more historically accurate and more costly type of gutters, they were putting half the cost in their budget and the other half would be in Park and Recreation's budget. The possibility of the budgets not passing was discussed as well as the options at the state level Historical Society. William Butts will investigate and report back.

After Mr. Cillio, a vintage airplane aficionado had presented to the Senior Center, Clay Cope proposed that Park and Recreation organize a field trip to the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. The subject was discussed including transportation, cost and supervision. John Wrenn had done some research and the cost of a coach bus is about \$885 with a capacity of 44, the cost of the museum ticket is \$10 and the cost per person for the trip would probably be around \$35-\$40. There were no objections to this trip and other possible trips were discussed including local theaters like the Palace in Waterbury, the Warner in Torrington and the Sharon Playhouse.

**Old Business:**

There was a discussion about a policy for when applications for facility use would begin each year. Applications will be accepted starting in March for the coming season. It was noted that Mr. Wrenn has the authority to approve applications involving 50 or fewer people and all other applicants including any that the fee would be waived for must come to the Park and Recreation Commission meeting for formal approval.

**New Business:**

Fran Frattini shared copies of fliers for two CIRMA workshops: Aquatics Safety and Safety and Liability for Playgrounds. It was noted that either workshop might

benefit summer staff as well as commission members. Mr. Wrenn will pass on information to appropriate staff members.

Kris Fazzino noted that he made repeated attempts to contact Brian Wood at First Light regarding the dugouts for Veterans Field and had gotten no response. The structures at the beach and proximity to the 440 line were discussed, including the need for approval from First Light for the docks, lifeguard chair, guard shack, playground and shack on the beach. Mrs. Frattini will contact FLPR regarding this.

**Director's Report:**

John Wrenn reviewed the recent budget meeting with Selectman. There was a report on SPARK given to the Selectmen. SPARK has an average of 8 children per day and brought in \$1485 this past month. The program is losing money. The commission feels that it a valuable service. Financial aid for parents was discussed.

Mr. Wrenn noted that he still had not received the \$1,000 due to him stemming from a bookkeeping error in the last fiscal year. Alternative budgeting methods for the future were discussed including increasing the SPARK Director's salary by decreasing the Assistant's salary if in fact the Director was handling all of the bookkeeping duties for the program. The commission agreed this was a viable option. There had been a discussion about the commission's request in the budget for an extra \$1,000 for the concert series. It was noted that until it is known how much money is available it is difficult to predict what bands will be hired. Concert sponsorship was discussed. Also discussed in detail at the budget hearing were: lifeguard raises and the relationship to lifeguard duties, lack of increases in 5 years, guards salary grades and the increasing minimum wage; gutter repair at Scout House; repairs at the town park.

There was a discussion about line item overages versus the bottom line of the budget.

Mr. Wrenn noted that the checkbook was used to pay for a calendar for the office, for deposit for a summer camp trip to Splashdown Water Park, for basketball equipment and for Thunder Ridge ski area. Mr. Wrenn also reported that basketball league was going very well with 2 more weeks of the league play followed by 2 weeks of open play. Yoga has 2-3 participants weekly and Mrs. Ostroski is pleased. Skiing went extremely well and a few weeks were added.

Mr. Wrenn noted that at the budget hearing when SPARK was discussed there was mention made about the possibility of the Board of Education taking over SPARK. There was a discussion including the concern that costs would increase if teachers were to staff the program.

*Karen Kellett made a motion to adjourn the March 9, 2015 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzone and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm.*

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.***