



**SHERMAN
PARK AND RECREATION**

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**Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 5, 2015**

Present:

Fran Frattini-Chairman
Karen Kellett
Kris Fazzino
Denise DePalma (arrived 8:11pm)
John Wrenn-Director

Absent

Scott Berlinger
Stan Greenbaum
William Butts

Guests: Ian Langley, Boy Scout

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 8:14pm.

Minutes from September 14, 2015 Regular Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was made by Denise DePalma. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzino and passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Fran Frattini reviewed the Eagle Scout project recently proposal by Ian Langley to build two benches at the grass/beach line at the Town Park. There was a discussion. It was noted that the chosen placement for the benches was below the 440 line and therefore could not be approved. Other locations were discussed. It was decided that there were no suitable locations for benches above the 440 line at the Town Park.

Alternate projects were discussed, including rebuilding the historic outhouse at the Town Park and one new/one repaired bench at Schimpf Pond. Ian's time frame is completion of project before August 15, 2016. He will decide on an alternative project, return to the Park and Recreation Commission and then to a troop committee meeting. Fran Frattini will get the name of the contact person at the Historical Society for Ian to get more information on the outhouse project. Permitting was discussed.

There was a discussion about a newspaper article that included statements from a recent Board of Selectmen meeting. The statement related to the budgetary need for Park and Recreation to prepare a plan for ongoing dock upkeep and replacement.

There was a review of a discussion from a previous Commission meeting about a plan to list all of the Park and Recreation properties and to work with the town's Facilities Manager to develop a maintenance schedule.

Facilities Use:

- Fran Frattini reported that Boy Scout Troop 48 had requested use of the pavilion and beach for a Court of Honor on October 19 from 6:30pm – 9:00pm.

Kris Fazzino made a motion to accept Boy Scout Troop 48's request for use of the pavilion and the beach for October 19 and to waive the fee. Denise DePalma seconded. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

There was an update on possible classes proposed in September. Denise DePalma reported that "Seasonal Centerpieces" will be held on November 19; "Gingerbread Houses" will be made on December 3, with Audrey Day of the American Pie making the kits; details with location, timing and costs will be publicized.

New Business:

- Fran Frattini announced that three Park and Recreation Commission members' terms were up in December: Karen Kellett,

William Butts and Fran Frattini. There was a discussion. Fran Frattini and Karen Kellett agreed to stay on for another term. William Butts was absent.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to nominate Fran Frattini as Chairman and Karen Kellett as Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. Denise DePalma seconded. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

- The 2016 Park and Recreation Commission meetings dates were discussed. All present approved of the dates and agreed to continue the start time of 7:15 and the meeting day of the second Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted. The 2016 meeting dates are as follows: January 11, February 08, March 14, April 11, May 09, June 13, July 11, August 08, September 12, October 03 (note: this is the first Monday), November 14 and December 12.

Director's Report:

- An incline climber purchased for the playground does not work. John Wrenn is working with manufacturer to get the correct piece of equipment delivered and the wrong piece returned with no restocking fee, as he believes it was the company's error.

- There are 38 boat slips rented so far. John Wrenn will try to assign boat slips in February. If boaters have not applied for their boat slip by then it may be reassigned to someone else. Boat registration takes place in September. Fran Frattini suggested this information be on the website and in the newspaper.

- Wrestling begins on October 6 and flyers went out to all 1st through 8th graders.

- Adult basketball will begin on Tuesdays and adult volleyball will be on Wednesdays.

- There was a request from an employee of the Sherman School for gym use for a softball team. Mr. Wrenn had approved the use contingent upon at least some members of the team being Sherman residents.

- The After School Program has had an average of 6 children per day which is its breakeven point. So far it is operating in the black and will be reviewed again in December to determine its viability for the second half of the year. Director Danielle Christie will explore movie days, library visits and a sports day to increase enrollment.
- John Wrenn distributed the checking account report. The balance as of October 5, 2015 was \$6,590.93.

Denise DePalma made a motion to adjourn the October 5, 2015 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Kellett and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

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*