



**SHERMAN
PARK AND RECREATION**

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**Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 11, 2016**

Present:

Fran Frattini-Chairman
Stan Greenbaum
John Wrenn-Director
Denise DePalma
Karen Kellett
Kris Fazzone

Absent

Scott Berlinger
William Butts

Guests: Jim Munch

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:28pm.

Minutes from March 14, Regular Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was made by Denise DePalma. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously.

Facilities Use:

Jim Munch had submitted a request for use of the pavilion at the town park for an event on June 25. He had gotten approval from John Wrenn since it was for fewer than 50 people. Mr. Munch noted that the guest list might increase. Mr. Wrenn instructed Mr. Munch to contact him in the Park and Recreation office if the number changed significantly and to stop in the

office to pick up the key the week before his event.

The revised form for Application for Use of Pavilion, which includes the new pricing format was discussed. Mr. Wrenn had developed a prototype and the commission discussed it and made some suggestions for changes. The revised form describes the way the rental of the pavilion is split into two sessions, 10am to 3pm and 3pm to 8pm. Interested parties are able to rent the facility for one five hour time period at a certain rate or for the whole day by paying double. Mr. Wrenn will make the few changes suggested and have the form ready soon, both in the office and on the website. It was noted that the commission would revisit the fee structure for pavilion rentals in the fall, perhaps at the September meeting, including a discussion about alcohol use at the park.

Karen Kellett made a motion to accept the changes to the Application for Use of Pavilion form as discussed. Stan Greenbaum seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

There was a facility use application made by the Boy Scouts for the pavilion and the town park on May 14 from 7am – 9pm for their “Adventures in Scouting” recruitment program.

In addition the Boy Scouts had submitted a second application and requested use of the town park for their Court of Honor with a fire on the beach on June 6 from 6:30pm to 9pm.

Karen Kellett made a motion to accept the Boy Scouts applications for use of the pavilion and the town park on May 14 from 7am to 9pm with a rain date of June 4, as well as for use of the town park on June 6 from 6:30pm to 9pm, with the all fees waived. Stan Greenbaum seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Kris Fazzone noted that he had been contacted by Brian Briggs who was concerned about his boat slip being too narrow for his boat and was possibly interested in renting 2 slips. There was a discussion. Mr. Wrenn stated that no boat slip assignments had been announced to date. There was a discussion about the current size of the boat slips, the trend toward wider

boats and the plans to accommodate a larger number of wider boats in the future. Rearranging the current slips was discussed. There were suggestions about way to create wider slips in the current year, including possibilities that would create 2 slips that were 1½ times the size of a regular slip and therefore accommodate wider boats; the fee for this arrangement would be 1½ times the regular rate.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to accept the plan of accommodating 2 wider boats (believed to be pontoon boats) at a rate of 1-½ times the regular fee. Denise DePalma seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Youths had been observed using a summer camp sign as a ramp for skateboarding at the town park and commission members were reminded if they see something, they should say something.

Old Business:

Fran Frattini noted that a town meeting to approve funds from the Capital Non-Recurring fund concerning the needed sand, playground mulch, stone dust, ball field clay and the Toro Sand Pro machine to spread and maintain same was held on April 9. Stan Greenbaum and John Wrenn had attended. It was noted that both item were accepted and passed at the meeting. It was noted that the Park and Rec. Commission had included the Sand Pro in their 2016-17 budget as a Capital Item at the request of First Selectman and the materials were also increased by the BOS and removed from the 2016-17 budget.

Jack Day's Eagle Scout project one of the benches at Volunteer Field has been moved but the foundation couldn't be removed. Fran Frattini noted that per the First Selectman she had asked Donny Borkowski to remove it and he advised it would taken care of.

There was a discussion about the Park and Recreation budget presentation, including the basketball and tennis court repairs, including filling cracks, resealing, resurfacing and tying down the fence. Kris Fazzone suggested that if the repairs to the courts were not approved for the 16-17 budget then perhaps there is a way to do them this fiscal year. Options were discussed.

Denise DePalma reported on the recent “Drum Circle”. It was lightly attended but the small crowd enjoyed themselves and the instructor would like to do programs regularly, perhaps monthly on the first Friday of the month. There was a discussion, including submitting room requests, possible dates, conflicting events and alternate locations like the firehouse, the gazebo or the pavilion.

There was also a brief discussion about possibilities for bands for the summer concert series and movies under the stars.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Director’s Report

John Wrenn shared the following information:

1. The beach usually opens at noon on the last day of school. This will need to be discussed further as school gets out this year much earlier than usual.
2. A new Waterfront Supervisor needs to be hired. Duties include scheduling and supervising the lifeguards; rate is \$13/hr. and is for 125 hours over the summer.
3. Kayak slip registration is Saturday, April 16; garden registration is Saturday, April 23.
4. There was discussion about penalty fees for owners of kayaks and/or canoes that were left in the racks over the winter.
5. The checking account report was shared with the Commission.
6. Basketball did well.

7. ASP is operating in the black, with an average of 6 children per day during March. Danielle Christie will be actively recruiting for registrants for next year.

With no further business, Kris Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the April 11, 2016 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

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***