



SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION

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Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting November 14, 2016

Present:

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

Absent

Scott Berlinger
William Butts
Kris Fazzone

Guests: There were no guests

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the November 14, 2016 regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:21 pm.

Minutes from October 3, 2016 Regular Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was made by Denise DePalma. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

- Fran Frattini noted that she had sent correspondence to the BOS requesting that Stan Greenbaum and Kris Fazzone be reappointed to the Commission for another term. She had further requested that Scott Berlinger not be reappointed to the Commission due to lack of participation. Mrs. Frattini noted that she had already sent a note to Mr. Berlinger a few months ago asking him to resign but his initial response was to call her but had not done so as of this time.
- Fran Frattini shared an email that the BOS had forwarded to her from residents who were concerned about bicycle and skateboard use in the basketball court that was damaging the new surface. There was a discussion including the need for signs stating “no bikes, rollerblades, skateboards on basketball courts”. Mr. Wrenn will look into this.

- There was a discussion about the Fire Department boat and boat dock. It was noted that the boat is out of the water but that the dock needs to be replaced. First Selectman Cope advised the Fire Department to get a quote on a new dock from Tucker. It was noted that new regulations under the Shoreline Management Plan require all docks to have encapsulated foam.
- John Wrenn noted that one of the Community Gardeners contacted him because they are missing their 60ft. fence and tomato cages from their garden plot since approximately the first week of November. Mr. Wrenn subsequently contacted Donny Borkowski who had claimed all the fencing had been removed and placed by the compost pile. The gardener's fence and cages were not found there. It was noted that the fencing should have not been taken down by the town crew until December 1. There was a discussion, including determining who authorized fencing to be removed, steps to take so that it is not done in the future until Dec. 1 and compensation for the gardener's fence, which was estimated to be \$45. Stan Greenbaum suggested a writing a letter to the BOS reiterating the issues discussed, arranging to compensate the gardeners for the missing fencing and clarifying that all the Community Garden fencing should not be removed until Dec. 1.

Facilities Use:

John Wrenn will check with Donny Borkowski to make sure that the pavilion has been winterized.

Old Business:

- Tennis court repair/replacement was discussed, including but not limited to: detailed descriptions of the pros and cons of different processes and different companies that had been investigated; possible costs, using existing specifications for bidding process and asking for those specs or a comparable plan; desired time frame for work to be done so courts could be used by May 2017; curbing and drainage; time needed for surface to cure; options for fencing including going up a gauge in the wiring and using the existing posts; history of previous tennis court repair projects; need to add 10% to the quote to safeguard against unforeseen developments. It was decided to wait for a full recommendation from tennis court subcommittee.
- Fran Frattini shared a list of the 2017 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting dates.
- John Wrenn is still waiting for the replacement parts for the Veteran's Field playground that he had ordered; the company promised delivery in 2 weeks on 3 separate occasions.

- The Veterans Field bathroom and stair projects were discussed, including liability issues and the need for more input from Kris Fazzino.
- The basketball court fence and backboard were discussed, including getting backboard measured and new one ordered.
- Benches near the docks at the Town Park were discussed, including styles of benches, surfaces underneath them, maintenance issues and timing of the installation. It was noted that the best time might be when the boardwalk is redone in two years.
- The Eagle Scout project swinging bench at the Town Park was discussed, including the fact that an Adirondack chairs that are part of this Eagle Scout project are yet to be built. Placement of the chairs is to be determined by the Commission at a later date.
- Adult Education classes were discussed, including possible dog training class in the spring, the “Warm Up America” knitting/crocheting project and the Drumming Circle that will take off November and December and resume after the holidays.

New Business:

- There was an election of officers for 2017. *Stan Greenbaum motioned and nominated the existing slate. Denise DePalma seconded. The present officers were willing to continue and were voted with all in favor. Fran Frattini, as Chairman and Karen Kellett, as Secretary/Treasurer will continue for 2017.* Possible openings on Commission were discussed.
- Planning for the creation of a new five-year plan was discussed. Fran Frattini shared copies of the last Long Range Plan Study, share worksheets listing all areas under Park and Recreation and asked all Commission members to review and bring suggestions for projects on any or all of Park and Receptions properties to the December and January Commission meeting. Following a discussion of all ideas submitted a vote will be taken and top choices will be made into a new 5-year plan.
- Goals from the 1998 long-range plan that were not met were reviewed and included addressing the inadequate parking at Colonial Field. Options for improvements and expansion of parking were discussed as well as how to better utilize the overflow parking that exists behind the church.
- Also reviewed was the proposed fence at Munch Meadows, which appears to be on hold by the BOS.

Director's Report

John Wrenn shared the following:

The checking account report was distributed showing deposits for ASP as well as checks written for ASP salaries, the rental of the Firehouse for Rich Sheridan's memorial and to Custom T's 'N More for wrestling t-shirts.

Mr. Wrenn noted that the "Celebration of Life" memorial for Mr. Sheridan was well attended, with former and current teachers, students, Senior Campers and local families present. The American Pie had donated desserts for the occasion.

The Summer Programs 2016 Report was distributed, showing session 1,2 and 3 to have 27, 24 and 23 attendees respectively; Senior Camp had 84 enrollees and Junior Camp had 23; income minus expenses for summer programs was \$1,460 and it was noted that summer programs don't cost the town anything.

Karate is ongoing, wrestling is over and basketball starts on December 10.

Denise DePalma made a motion to adjourn the November 14, 2016 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

Note the next Pak and Recreation Commission meeting is December 12, 2016

***These minutes are not considered official
until they have been approved
at the next regularly scheduled meeting
of the Park and Recreation Commission***