

September 10, 2012

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Tim Cook, Ray Reich, Joe Fredlund, Whitney Ryan, and Darren Dutcher. Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Visitors: Brian McCauley-Summer Camp Director; Dave and Scott Werkhoven, Linda McGarr, Building & Property Commissioner Nick Solley.

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the River Walk Pavilion.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
By Ray Reich, seconded by Whitney Ryan and unanimously approved.

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the August 20, 2012 Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

By Whitney Ryan, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

* Brian McCauley-Summer Camp Director:

Brian attended this evening's meeting to report on the Summer Recreation program he directed for the first time. He was very pleased with the program, the counselors (many of whom were returning), the feedback received from parents, etc. Brian spoke of ideas for next year using his Outdoor Education experience – field trips to Steep Rock, White Memorial, etc. for hikes; utilizing area ropes courses and climbing walls; guest speakers, and musicians to add an educational element. He and commissioners felt these additions would be beneficial for the children who have been returning for several years. Whitney Ryan, who also has extensive camp experience, offered to work with Brian this winter on new program ideas and possible counselor "training sessions". The Commissioners expressed their gratitude to Brian and his willingness to return next year.

* David and Scott Werkhoven-Fields:

Dave and Scott attended this evening's meeting to discuss the poor condition of the Ted Alex field, Girl's Softball field and Joe Martin field. All have become inundated with weeds, and in need of reclaiming. Once this is done, the fields will need to be maintained on a regular basis. There was discussion of workdays, possible contractors who could do the work now, writing of a job description for next year, etc.

Motion:

To hire someone – with the approval of C.J. Kersten and Joe Fredlund - as soon as possible to get the immediate work necessary done (money is in the budget).

By Sheila Anson, seconded by Darren Dutcher and unanimously approved.

*** Linda McGarr-September 22, 2012 Potluck Picnic:**

Parks and Rec will be hosting a potluck picnic for the Town on 9/22/12 at 5:00p.m. at the Pavilion. The event is planned to thank the public safety volunteers of Washington and invite townspeople to join them in saying thank you to the Fire Department, Auxiliary, Ambulance Association and Emergency Management as well as the countless others who have volunteered their time during emergency situations. The Commission will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and paper products. Linda has generously offered her time and talent to assist the Commission is planning the amount of food, set up, etc. Townspeople can bring a potluck dish and beverage. There was discussion and "assignments" discussed for such things as flyers, signs, music, games, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

*** Beach/Boat Launch:**

Ray Reich reported the Boat Ramp is still open weekends and Wednesdays until Columbus Day. The beach is closed and had a good season. Jeff Cox, Beach Director, will be submitting his final report to Lisa Easter. Bob Papsin has submitted a proposal to work on the grass area at the beach-weed control, fertilize, etc. with all organic products. This would include three applications during the year at a cost of \$120 per time.

Motion:

To request the Building and Property Commission to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$400 for Bob Papsin to perform the above mentioned work at the beach. Should the cost exceed this amount, the Parks and Rec Commission will pay the difference.

By Tim Cook, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

*** River Walk Park:**

Liz Gugel, Pavilion Attendant, has suggested the floors in the bathrooms be painted – discussion by the Commissioners suggested the use of epoxy paint.

* Painting/staining of the Pavilion was also discussed-two quotes have been received. One did not include materials. More information will be obtained so that they can be compared fairly by the Building & Property Commission, Board of Selectmen, and Parks and Rec Commissioners. The painting of the bathroom floors may be added as an addendum to these quotes.

* Repair of the concrete floor of the Pavilion was also mentioned. Nick Solley offered to speak with the Selectmen and C.J. Kersten offered to speak with Kevin Smith regarding using a possible outside contractor.

*** Enlarging Joe Martin Field:**

Tim Cook explained the need to expand this field to be more in keeping with regulation sizes and to be able to be used in competition. This would entail taking down trees, stumping and grading. He has spoken with Mike Ajello, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, and there does not appear to be a problem. There will be no cost to the Town or to Parks and Rec for this work – grants will be applied for, etc. Tim was advised to also get plans to the Board of Selectmen and to the Building & Property Commission. There was discussion of pruning that needs to be done on the walking path. The names of area landscapers were discussed and some will be contacted for estimates. Jan

Poskas sent an email requesting permission for two young girls to sell lemonade and cookies to raise money for non-profits-Dana Farber cancer research, ASPCA, Washington Fire Department and Parks and Rec. They were hoping to do this at Saturday soccer games. As there are no longer soccer games on our fields, the request cannot be approved and Jan will be contacted.

*** Fireworks:**

Ray Reich presented his final report for the 2012 Fireworks (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). In summary, there was income of \$35,827 and expenses of \$34,527. There is an ending balance of \$29,740. Great job, Ray!!

Coordinator's Report: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

*** Field Use Schedule:**

Reminder will be given to teams to give Lisa Easter a schedule of games.

Chairman's (and Vice-Chairman's) Report:

*** Bench in memory of Scott Borger:**

has been placed along the walking path, donated by friends of the family.

***Happy Belated Birthday to Ray Reich.**

***Happy Birthday to C.J. Kersten.**

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk