

June 21, 2010

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

Present: Chairman Sheila Anson, Commissioners Holly Haas, Ray Reich, Lou Magnoli, C.J. Kersten, Joe Fredlund; Coordinator Lisa Easter, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Visitor: Xavier Bachelier.

Call to Order: Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. noting there was a quorum present. Happy First Day of Summer :)!

Visitor:

* Xavier Bachelier attended this evening's meeting to discuss the placement of the dock in the swim area of the Town Beach. It is his opinion that it is too close to the beach and in too shallow water. Sheila Anson and C.J. Kersten both mentioned that they had heard the same this morning. The Commissioners assured Mr. Bachelier that it would be looked at and taken care of ASAP.

Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the May 10, 2010 Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
By Holly Haas, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
By Ray Reich, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach and Boat Launch:

Ray Reich and Nick Solley have discussed their being available to check in with the caretakers, beach director etc. throughout the season. David Lyon and Jessica Pullara, caretakers, will be invited to the July Parks and Rec meeting. Ray has arranged to have signs made for the restrooms.

Lisa has been looking into various playscapes for the Town Beach area – some that have been suggested are not suitable as they are made for “residential” use as opposed to commercial or public use. She will continue to get and share information. The new picnic tables will be ordered and one will be ADA (wheelchair) accessible. The lifeguard chair will be repainted. Lisa Easter mentioned Hank Vallely, Jeff Cox and Jack Mahoney share the Boat Launch inspectors' hours. As there is the new Inspection Program, Trooper Steve Sordi should also be involved in the scheduling and coverage.

* River Walk Park:

Sheila reported that at the Village Improvement Society picnic last Friday at the Pavilion, many compliments were received on the facilities, grounds, etc. She asked that the minutes again reflect the Parks and Recreation Commission's gratitude to VIS for contributing so much over the years to help make many of the improvements possible. A special “Thank you, VIS” will be planned once the plaque is received for the fireplace – perhaps on the special movie night to be held in August. There was discussion of looking into a “privacy screen” for the Men's Room. Several renters of the Pavilion have suggested having more long tables – there are presently two.

Motion:

To order four long tables for approximately \$800 but not to exceed \$1000.
By Joe Fredlund, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

It was also suggested that a diagram be made and placed in the storage room so that renters will put tables, chairs, etc. back in properly. Lisa will be ordering parts for the gas grill and she was asked to add a regulator to that order so that the grill can be moved to different locations. There was discussion re: cleaning of the fireplace by renters if it has been used. Due to the obvious dangers in removing hot coals it was suggested that those using the fireplace be asked to return the next day to clean it out. This will be added to the Use of Pavilion Application. Gary Alex, Groundskeeper, has been working on the pathway behind the Pavilion. Lisa also reported that the septic system has been pumped.

***4th of July:**

1) Road Race:

Lisa has ordered the trophies – commissioners were asked to suggest new categories for awarding prizes. Joe will bring a timer; Sheila will order water.

2) Fireworks:

New trash cans will be ordered from the Supply; Dick Kaylor has again offered to be at the Shepaug School grounds from 12-3:00p.m. to prevent early arrivals; Rotary will be selling coffee and popcorn; Police coverage is set; Ray will be meeting with Trooper Sordi and Don O'Leary, Shepaug Facilities Manager, re: parking; Telstar has assured Ray the show "will start on time" this year; Flashback will provide music prior to the display; car pass sales have been down but are expected to pick up this week and next; purchases of VIP passes are doing well. If there is a question about the weather, Ray, Sheila, etc. will meet at noon.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported:

*** Summer Camps:**

Registrations are down this year – hoping signups will continue this week and next. The Summer Rec camp will be held at Shepaug due to work that will be in progress at the Washington Primary School. A request has been made to use the pool. Joanne Kelly will be giving tennis lessons – also at Shepaug; DI Softball Camp and the Golf Clinic only have one sign up each and may need to be cancelled. ACE Baseball Camp will be held June 28 – July 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

* Congratulations to Steve Haas for receiving the Friend of Shepaug Award at last weeks award's ceremony.

* Congratulations to Megan Woodruff and Jack Muckstadt for receiving the Stephen Reich Awards.

* Congratulations to Ray Reich on the birth of his grandson Stephen Thomas.

* Happy Birthday to Joe Fredlund.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT TO CHAIRMAN SHEILA ANSON:

Congratulations for another successful run in the annual Litchfield Road Race.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! :)

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk