

May 11, 2009

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

Present: Chairman Sheila Anson, Lou Magnoli, C.J. Kersten, Joe Fredlund, Holly Haas, Joan Gauthey. Coordinator Lisa Easter, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes:

* Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Joan Gauthey, Lou Magnoli and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach and Boat Launch:

Lisa Easter reported the staff is ready to open the beach for Memorial Day Weekend. Boat Launch opened April 18th and until the beach opens on June 20th, it will be opened Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays (and Memorial Day) from 6:00a.m. -11:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. – sunset.

* River Walk Park:

1)The exhaust hood for the stove should be installed within the next week or two. Once this is done, the auto shut-off valve for gas will be installed. Cooking will be allowed but no frying. A note to this effect will be posted.

2)Joe Fredlund will speak with the Lions Club's newest member (:) regarding clean up of the Pavilion after the Lobster Sale Memorial Day Weekend. We have received many compliments on the appearance of the Park and fields.

3)M&M Tennis Court Company has submitted an estimate to clean, re-surface and paint the basketball court behind the Primary School - \$3700. This was tabled until the next meeting at which time available funds will be reviewed.

4)Eagle Electric has donated work at the Pavilion, fields and on the scoreboard. The Commission would like the minutes to reflect its deep appreciation for the donation and for their support.

* Baseball:

No report (Tim Cook not present).

* Fireworks:

Ray Reich was not present. Lisa reported that the Brochure has been mailed and it does indicate there is a "limited number" of passes available for sale on a first-come-first-serve basis.

* Morning Swim/Swim Lessons:

Sheila reported that the pool and showers (for Morning Swimmers) are now warm and the water has been much clearer. Lisa reported that the first session of spring swim lessons needed to be postponed due to the pool chemicals not being correct. Lisa has also been notified that the pool will be closed for most of the summer. There was discussion as to using Devereux's pool for lessons as well as speaking with Region #12 personnel regarding alternative ways of doing the work that would not require the pool being closed for the summer.

* Men's Breakfast:

The May monthly breakfast held at the First Congregational Church was "Hosted" by the gentlemen of Parks and Recreational Commission. A suggestion was made to have the ladies of the Commission clean up the next time...the motion was not seconded and, therefore, not approved.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa reported:

* Bus Trips:

The trip to Fenway Park (May 10) to see 38 fans that were treated to a win attended Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay! The night was exciting and, despite the 3:00a.m. arrival back home, everyone had a great time. Thank you to Ray Reich for overseeing the trip!! Lisa is trying to get more promotional information for the Tall Ships in Boston Harbor trip and she has not yet heard back from the Yankees re: tickets.

*** Spring Swim:**

See above under Old Business.

*** Spring Tennis:**

This has been cancelled, as there were not enough enrollments. Kenyon Clark has asked if he may use the courts to give lessons on Friday evenings. The Commission agreed to this.

*** Summer Brochure:**

Was mailed before the postage increase and has been received by Washington's "postal patrons". There was discussion about including the brochure with a Town Newsletter to save on postage expenses.

*** Friends of Shepaug Music:**

Concert is scheduled for August 15th – Jerry Gerst Band will be performing. More info to follow.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sheila reported:

* Kate Fredlund graduated from college this past weekend – Congratulations to her, Julie and Joe and all our local college graduates!

* Amanda Easter is a homeowner in New Tampa, Florida!

* American Legion's National Commander has chosen the Washington Gage-Zumpf post to host a luncheon in June at which he will be present. Lou Magnoli reported that in addition to him, local and State dignitaries would be invited. More info to follow.

* The Judea Garden is progressing and will be at Macricostas Preserve.

* The Gunnery hosted Breakfast for Town Hall employees and Commission volunteers was delightful and delicious!

* Stephen Reich Memorial Awards will be awarded to the High School student on May 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Shepaug and to the Town citizen at the Memorial Day parade/celebration.

* Annual Report dedicated to John Allen for 2007-2008 is available at the Town Hall.

* Happy Birthday Kathy Gollow, Mark Lyon and David Miles!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion. NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene, Clerk