

November 9, 2009

Present:

Chairman Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Joe Fredlund, C.J. Kersten, Joan Gauthey, Tim Cook, Coordinator Lisa Easter, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order:

Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. noting there was a quorum.

Minutes:

*** Motion:**

To approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission with the following clarification: the price of \$35 for Nick Gueniat's Senior Project bus trip to Boston, is for the bus only. Added activities will be additional charges.

By Joan Gauthey, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

*** Beach/Boat Launch:**

Ray Reich reported that work at the Town Beach is progressing and appears to be on schedule.

*** River Walk Park:**

Lisa Easter reported that the Pavilion (bathrooms, kitchen, etc.) would be closed for the winter on November 13. There was more discussion about installing a path from the back storage room around to the grill. Lisa will request a price for materials and labor from Gary Alex. Parts for the grill will be ordered and will cost approximately \$240 – Gary should be able to install.

*** Fireplace:**

the Board of Selectmen awarded the bid for construction of a fireplace at the Pavilion to FSM Construction of New Milford. Private donations have been received as well as a donation from the Village Improvement Society – the entire cost is now covered. Thank you to all!

*** Tennis Courts:**

Lisa has spoken with M & M Tennis Courts – regular crack repair would cost \$995; guardian crack repair - \$1685 which comes with a guarantee.

Motion:

If the “guarantee” is for at least two years, approve the guardian crack repair for a cost of \$1685.

By C.J. Kersten, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

*** Basketball Courts:**

M & M has given a cost of \$3800 to resurface the Basketball Courts at the Washington Primary School. This will be a request for the capital budget for next year.

***Shepaug Pool:**

Sheila reported that the water temperature is now “warm” as are the showers and locker rooms.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa reported the following:

*** Bus Trips:**

Nick Gueniat's senior project – bus trip to walk the Freedom Trail in Boston, April 18th, 2010 is coming along. The bus is scheduled and details of the trip are being worked out. More information will be available at the next meeting.

*** Basketball:**

Information and a note was mailed to SBA (Sharon LaMay) requesting that they sponsor the Hot Shots Contest this year – Parks and Rec will be glad to help.

*** Stove Hood at Pavilion:**

messages have been left for Warehouse Store Fixture Company to have the hood hooked up.

*** Steep Rock Association:**

has requested a donation.

Motion:

In appreciation of the use of Steep Rock for the annual 4th of July race and in recognition of all Steep Rock does for the community, to make a donation of \$100.

By Ray Reich, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved.

Monthly Financial Report:

Mary Anne Greene presented a report of income and expenses for the month and program balances.

NEW BUSINESS:

*** WGHS Family Skate:**

Michael Gorra has contacted the Commission regarding the sponsoring of Family Skate Sunday evenings at the Gunnery. Unanimously agreed to continue this program and many thanks to Michael for carrying it on.

*** Mill Race Road Project:**

Architect Peter Talbot gave the Commission his proposal for a project at town-owned property at 16 Titus Road, Washington Depot. The Commissioners were requested to review. Peter has made a presentation to the Planning Commission, the Village Improvement Society and will be making a presentation next week to the 16 Titus Road Committee.

*** SBA:**

Joe Fredlund suggested that the SBA consider taking over the Introduction to Basketball program – this will be discussed further.

*** Holiday in the Depot:**

All seems to be in order. Lisa will email commissioners with assignments, duties needing to be filled, etc.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sheila Anson reported:

*** Gratitude to Parks and Rec Commissioners:**

The work of the Commission's volunteers and staff continues to be appreciated by many in Town and Sheila expressed her personal gratitude!

*** Bruce Adams – brother of Liddy Adams – elected First Selectman of Kent – congratulations!**

* Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!!

* Congratulations to Sheila Anson, Town Clerk, from the Commission on being the highest vote getter in Washington's election!! :)!

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 14, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk