

October 20, 2008

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

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

Visitor: Michael and Abigail Gorra.

Call to Order:

Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. noting that no action would be taken at tonight's meeting due to the fact that the Agenda inadvertently was not posted on the Town's website (it was posted with the Town Clerk as required, however, the website posting is a new requirement by State statute).

Minutes of the September 8, 2008 Meeting:

* Approval of minutes was tabled until the November meeting. However, a correction was noted: Joan Gauthy was also present at and participated in the celebration for Rev. Doug Bixby.

Visitor:

* Michael Gorra: Developmental Hockey Update:

Michael and Abigail Gorra attended this evening's meeting to give the Commission an update on the learn-to-skate and developmental hockey programs. Due to the Bunker Burr Fund, and the youth hockey program's lowering of fees, there has been an increased number of children enrolling in the programs. Donations and Family Skate donation/admission, funds have been made available for vouchers for equipment purchase. Family Skate will continue this year on Sunday evenings at the Gunnery rink with suggested donations of \$5/person per session, \$65/person for the season and \$125/family for the season. The Hockey Association extends its gratitude to the Washington Parks and Recreation Commission and the Gunnery for their support. The Commissioners thanked Michael for the update (which is attached to the minutes filed with the Town Clerk) and thanked Abigail for attendance!

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach/Boat Launch:

Ray Reich reported that there had been a request for more signage at the boat launch offering more details. Ray has suggested one small sign that would say "details available at www.washingtonct.org".

* River Walk Park:

Lou Magnoli will take care of ordering a new flay for the Ted Alex Field. Joe Fredlund has requested an estimate from Justin Moore for a fireplace at the Pavilion and he will hopefully have the figures by the November meeting.

* Bus Trips:

Lisa Easter reported that there are still 20 seats left for the Radio City Music Hall trip on November 11th. She is hoping to get tickets for a Yankees and Red Sox game next year.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa reported on the following:

* Trips: Radio City Christmas Spectacular trip November 11 - \$95 without lunch; \$125 with lunch. 20 seats left.

* Karate:

A 30-minute class for 5&6 year olds has 6 children. The Adult Self Defense Seminar had 5 people attend - hopeful for more attendees next time.

*** Swim:**

Fall lessons started September 23 with 81 students. Family Swim was held on three of the Friday nights.

*** Miscellaneous:**

Julie Adams has been contacted about doing weeding, cleanup for winter, etc. Eagle Electric has put lights in the storage shed – Thank you! An EZ Up has been purchased. Layton will extend the connection for the gas grill. Glow necklaces have arrived for Halloween and Holiday in the Depot. Groundskeeper Larry Cable is on vacation until October 27. Jeff Cox's report for the Beach is attached to the minutes filed with the Town Clerk as is Dave Werkhoven's Ace Baseball Camp report.

NEW BUSINESS:

*** Basketball:**

Lisa reported a Hot Shot Contest has been scheduled for January 3, 2009. Hank Randall will coach the 3-4 grade team, John Quist the 5-6 grades. A coach is still needed for 1-2 grades. Chris Brigham has contacted the Parks and Rec to request its sponsoring of an "open gym" for high school girls on Saturday mornings. This was OK's by those present this evening.

*** Holiday in the Depot:**

Scheduled for December 12, 2008! Details to follow.

Chairman's Report:

None. Sheila was excused to attend a Historic District Commission meeting. Commissioners present wished Joan Gauthery the best of luck on her upcoming surgery! Happy Halloween!

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Anne Greene Clerk