

## January 8, 2007

6:00 p.m. Budget meeting conducted by Lisa Easter. Tim Cook and Ray Reich were sworn to the Parks and Recreation Board for their three year term by Sheila Anson, chair.

**Present:** Sheila Anson, Tim Cook, Lisa Easter, Joe Fredlund, Holly Haas, CJ Kersten, Ray Reich

**Absent:** Joan Gauthey, Mary Anne Green, Lou Magnoli

**Call to Order:** Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. noting there was a quorum.

Minutes:

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from December 11th 2006 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission. By seconded by and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

Susan and Kyla Peters, Heidi Neff, Sharon Vaghi

Kyla Peters presented facts and vision for the Relay for Life. Proposal would be to use the Riverwalk area for the two day event beginning June 1st and 2nd, with the alternate dates, June 8th and 9th. Tim made a motion to accept the proposal for the Relay for Life pending approval from the selectman's office (Lisa will ask for approval) and with the stipulation that the bathroom (water) facilities would be used ONLY for the survivor reception. Joe second, unanimously approved.

Relay for Life will be responsible for: marking the path with upside down paint, dumpsters, porta-potties, notifying the residents of the event, (they will get list from assessors office), police coverage and first aid.

Park and Rec: will re-seed if needed in the small area that will be used for walking.

**Old Business:**

River Walk: Looks good but with such good weather season was extended and Larry wasn't able to accomplish any "special" projects could only keep up with necessities. Complaint: Dogs without leashes, Sheila will talk to Cindy Brissett to do some random spot checks.

Beach and Boat Launch: Ray met with the committee which included Dick, Dave Wilson the engineer in hopes of preparing for procedures necessary for the Zoning Board of Appeals by the end of January. Inland Wetlands has already approved the project. It is also the hope of the committee to get bids out by spring and demolition by the beginning of summer. This will be phase one of a three-phase beach project.

Playgrounds: Tentative date of delivery is January 29th. The equipment will be unloaded into a trailer. Riverwalk Playground project will be completed first and the Platt Field Playground second. Volunteers will be needed and the town crew has had permission to help.

Basketball: Recreation program started last Saturday. There are no girls teams all boys. Chris Ayer, Samantha Steinmetz and Nick Pendergast have been the referees. Marty O'Malley and Doug Bixby are working with the youth program.

Capital Budget:

**Motion:** To appropriate money from WP&R checking for Lisa to purchase a laptop computer within the \$1,100 approved. We will put in a request for this to be reimbursed from capital improvements next budget year as well as a color printer scanner. (For all the program flyers, registrations, disclosures etc.)

CJ made the motion, Tim second, passed unanimously.

Kitchen: matching grant of 10k for septic. Joe and CJ will look at other facilities and come up with a detailed cost sheet to include a stove, sink, microwave, cabinets, shelves, counters and cupboards report back to Lisa.

Dugouts: Visitors Dugout steps to be demolished and replaced, CJ will give Lisa cost details for proposal.

Tennis Courts: Need to be resurfaced. Lisa to research alternative companies, Putnam was mentioned. She will have estimates for next meeting.

Note: Basketball courts will need to be done the following year.

### **Coordinators Report:**

Hot Shots Contest: Jan 20th at Shepaug 1-3 p.m.

Full Monty-Westchester Broadway Theatre-20 tickets purchased (13 sold), bus was canceled.

Morning Swim: Lisa to purchase card table for sign ins.

Hockey: letter from Michael Gorra attached, Washington Gunnery Family Skate is a successful program.

Family Skate at Gunnery: December 30th (past) and March 3rd 3:30 to 5:30

Beach: Hank Vally's Boat Ramp report attached.

### **New Business:**

None.

### **Chairman's Report:** Sheila reported:

The men from the P&R commission will be preparing the men's breakfast the first Saturday in February. Ray, Joe, Tim, CJ and Lou.

Lisa will not be at the next P&R meeting will be visiting colleges with son David, will get reports to CJ prior to the meeting.

HAPPY 30th ANNIVERSARY to Doug and Mary Anne Greene!

Meeting adjourned 8:11 p.m.