

November 4, 2013

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Laura Martin, Joe Fredlund, Tim Cook, Ray Reich, Sheila Anson.
Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order:

C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach/Boat Launch:

Ray Reich reported the Boat Launch has closed for the season. Beach and Launch area looks great. The caretakers will be trimming the hedges.

* River Walk Park:

Tim Cook explained to the Commissioners that the signs for the Ted Alex Field, Joe Martin Field and Dick Ayer Field are looking shabby. Coordinator Lisa Easter will be asked to look into new signs – wood or metal – green with white letters – for pricing. Tim continues to do work behind the Joe Martin Field – clearing, etc. for enlarging the field. Joe Fredlund has spoken to Jay Combs at the Washington Supply re: pricing for railings, etc. for bathrooms at the Pavilion. Jay has also offered to look into plans for bocce courts.

* Tennis & Basketball Courts – see Coordinator's Report.

* Holiday in the Depot:

see Coordinator's Report. Laura Martin reported that the Troubadours from Gunnery will again be singing throughout the Depot – she needs to confirm the time. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that the tree lighting should be done by Chairman C.J. Kersten and family.

* Babysitting Course:

Lisa Easter has contacted Mo Van Moffaert who has agreed to teach a course in January of 2014.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter submitted the following report:

* Hockey:

Lisa has been in touch with Michael Gorra – Family Skate may start on November 17th.

* Fencing:

Parks and Rec has been asked if it would be interested in sponsoring a Fencing Class. If not sponsor, would we "advertise". The classes are held at St. John's Church. The Commissioners agreed to put out information.

* How Cool Is That?!

After school Science Class is scheduled to start Friday, November 22. Signups will be going out this week.

* Holiday in the Depot:

Friday, December 13th. Creative Illumination will light the tree this year. They are installing multi-colored lights (same size as last year) in a diamond configuration. They will put the lights on the tree by December 1st and remove before the end of January-weather permitting. They will maintain, store and prepare our lights for next year at no additional cost. \$1800 for putting up and taking down and maintaining the lights. \$940 for the lights and stringers. C-7 LED Multi Color Lights. Jen Pote is going to speak to the music teacher at the Washington Primary School about them performing – 6:30ish. Montessori School children will sing before Santa arrives. We have a few new groups that are talking about doing something that night...the Fire Department may light a fire truck to have on hand.

* River Walk Park:

- 1) Eagle Electric will be at the Pavilion this week to do the electrical work.
- 2) Artistic Irrigation has shut down and winterized the irrigation systems at the park.
- 3) "Fit Together of Litchfield County" has asked that we designate the Park as tobacco free – providing free signage, etc. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that smoking does not appear to be an issue and would prefer not to have any additional signs.
- 4) The tennis courts and basketball court have had the cracks sealed for the winter. We have been asked by Region #12 Facilities Department to notify them whenever we have contracted work done to the park so they are aware of who is supposed to be there.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Calendar of Meetings for 2014:

Lisa Easter has prepared the 2014 Calendar of Meeting Dates. She asked the Commissioners to decide on a date for the October meeting as the second Monday is a Holiday. It was decided to have the meeting on October 6th. 2014 dates are: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 16, July 21, August-cancelled, September 8, October 6, November 10, and December 8.

CHARIMAN'S REPORT:

C.J. Kersten reported the following:

* Congratulations to Kim (Anson) and Josh Francis on their marriage!

* Congratulations to Jessica (Pullara) and Dave Lyon on their marriage!

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene, Clerk