

February 17, 2009

Present: Chairman Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Joe Fredlund, C.J. Kersten, Joan Gauthey, Coordinator Lisa Easter, Clerk Mary Anne Greene. First Selectman Mark E. Lyon.

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

Minutes:

* Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Ray Reich, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach/Boat Launch: Ray Reich had no report. Lisa Easter reported that she has spoken with Michael Branson regarding his being trained to teach the Boating Safety Course.

* Basketball: Lisa has asked Sharon Lamay for a report but has not yet received. Hot Shot contestants went to the regional games and although they did not win, they played well and the Commission sends their congratulations!

* Budget: Lisa distributed the budget she has been working on for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Lisa and several of the commissioners will meet with the Board of Selectmen to present. This meeting date is to be determined.

* Fireworks: Ray reported that he has received proposals from both Telstar and Zambelli. Both have stayed within the budget figures he presented to them. He, and possibly C.J. Kersten, will meet with representatives to discuss further.

* River Walk Park: First Selectman Mark Lyon was welcomed. Mark spoke to the Commissioners regarding the position of Groundskeeper and other personnel issues, including break down of responsibilities, etc. Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich and C.J. Kersten offered to discuss this further with the Selectmen. Jeremy Johnson has submitted a proposal for constructing a fireplace at the Pavilion. There was discussion about requesting capital funds for this and suggesting that Parks and Rec raise 50%. Larry Cable has given a "plan" for garbage can enclosures made of wood. The consensus of opinion of those commissioners present was to have Larry purchase materials and construct two containers for a cost not to exceed \$300. Larry has met with the company that may be installing the vent in the kitchen at the Pavilion – they will get back to him with a price.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa reported:

* Tai Chi Classes have been cancelled due to lack of participants.

* Pool Table: a new cover has been ordered and the company we purchased it from will be coming in the next several weeks to repair felt, level the table etc.

* Lisa away: Lisa will not be in the office on Monday, April 6, 2009 but will be in on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7 and 8, 2009.

* Trips: Interest is beginning for the Tall Ships trip to Boston and more than half the tickets for the Red Sox game have been sold.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sheila reported:

* Happy Birthday to Claire Kersten who is 3 years old today!

* Speedy Recovery to Lou Magnoli!

* Welcome Back to Parks and Rec Meetings, Joan Gauthey who has recovered nicely from her hip surgery.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk