

June 23, 2008

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

Call To Order: Joe Fredlund called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Holly Haas, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

BEACH/BOAT LAUNCH: Ray Reich reported the Boat Launch is up and running and invited the commissioners to “take a look.” He is very pleased and asked that the minutes reflect his appreciation to Mark Lyon, First Selectman, for jumping in on this project when he came aboard. The pump house/compressor work is completed and working. The Beach is open for the season and Jeff Cox is director. There are a few “bugs” but Ray is confident they will be worked out. There will be a meeting of ad hoc members of the Beach Committee, Mark Lyon, and Nick Solley Wednesday, June 25 to discuss the beach house with William Worcester, architect. The plans for landscaping, etc. that were done by Dirk Sabin will be incorporated. Opening the beach for Memorial Day Weekend was successful.

RIVER WALK PARK: Lisa Easter reported she has met with Larry Cable, groundskeeper, about the gas grill and stove. She (or Joe) will check with Layton to make sure we are on an automatic delivery schedule for propane. Movie Night was held after the Village Improvement Picnic - turnout was low. Carnival rides, etc. have been at the park for nearly two weeks. This will be mentioned to the Fire Department as it did prevent people using the Pavilion to park close by. Mulching and trimming needs to be done around the walk and Pavilion.

FIREWORKS: Ray reported that money from donations, ticket and t-shirt sales is coming in. Telstar will be bringing the shells for set up the morning of the 4th as opposed to the night before. Ray and Don Etherington, Fire Marshall, will confer at noon and again at 4:00 p.m. to discuss weather and rain postponement plans if appropriate. The final decision will be made at 4:00 p.m. Message will hopefully be posted on the Town’s website and a message put on the Parks and Rec answering machine (860-868-1519). Ray thanked the Town Highway Department for their assistance before and after the celebration. Also, Liddy Adams for “standing” in for Ray in front of the Market last weekend and to Pupper Septic who donates a significant portion of their bill for port-a-potties. And...the numerous volunteers who do so much!

LITTLE LEAGUE: No report.

POT LUCK MOVIE NIGHT: The next movie night is scheduled for July 25th. Suggestions for which movie to show are being requested.

CONCERT: Shepaug Friends of Music Concert is scheduled for August 10th at the Pavilion. Details to be announced.

COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

Lisa reported the following:

The Commission offers their deepest sympathy to Cecilia Page on the loss of her father.

Tennis Lessons have started – 2 sessions.

Multi-Sport Camp: several sessions for different activities and ages – good number of registrations for all. Spartan and Dimensions Camps: * numbers are down this year.

Ace Baseball Camp: Numbers of participants comparable to previous years.

Summer Recreation: Good number of children enrolled. Lisa and Sheila interviewed new counselors and CITs. Cecilia Page, Director, will hold a meeting with all counselors on June 27th. Camp starts on June 30th.

Yankees Game Trip: sold out.

Fireworks tickets: will be sold in the Parks and Rec office Monday-Thursday 9-3:00. Thank you Sarah Osborne for covering!

Tennis Courts: Lisa will check with M&M about their resurfacing.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sheila Anson submitted the following:

Our thoughts go to the family and co-workers of Gene Verrastro from the Washington Food Market. We remember Gene as a friend to the Commission who always let us set up our fireworks sales booth!

Speedy recovery to Jan Magnoli who had a hip replacement.

Congratulations to Karl Quist and Margaret "Peg" Addicks for receiving the 2008 Major Stephen Reich Sward for Exceptional Citizenship. Congratulations also to Karl on his graduation from Shepaug and wish him well as he continues his education at Springfield College. Congratulations to all the local graduates!

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Joe stated on behalf of the Commission...**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHEILA!!**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk