

December 8, 2008

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

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

Call to Order: Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes:

* Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission with the following correction: Lou Magnoli was in attendance at that meeting. By Lou Magnoli, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

CONGRATULATIONS to Boss Man Kersten on his “Ubiquitous performance” inspiring H&R Block to win the men’s touch football title. The Spectrum’s full-page article is attached to the minutes filed with the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach & Boat Launch: No report.

* River Walk Park: Lou Magnoli asked if the Commission wanted him to wait until spring to get the new American flag for the Ted Alex Field from the Legion or get it now. It was decided to get it as soon as possible. Lisa Easter reported that Larry Cable, groundskeeper, has suggested the following: 1) building of wooden containers to hold the garbage cans at River Walk – Commissioners agreed with the stipulation that they see the plans prior to his building them. 2) bathroom floors need to be repainted – Commissioners agreed but will look into the type of paint being used. 3) someone needs to check garbage and dog waste stations weekly even during the winter – Commissioners agreed. Lisa will check how many budgeted hours are left for Larry. When this runs out, he will be paid from the Parks and Rec account. Motion: The Parks and Recreation account will pay Larry up to two hours a week once his budgeted hours are used up. By Tim Cook, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved. 4) Larry has requested that he contact renters of the Pavilion rather than their calling him. This will be changed in the Use of Pavilion application.

* Bus Trips: Lisa reported that the trip to Radio City Music Hall was a huge success. A trip is scheduled for May 10, 2009 to Fenway Park for a Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays. Cost is \$100 per person. A trip is scheduled for July 11, 2009 to Boston for the Tall Ships.

* Basketball: Lisa will contact Sharon Lamay for a report for the next meeting. The Parks and Rec Basketball program has been set up – Matt Perachi and Marty O’Malley will coach Intro with Katie DeWitte assisting. Hank Randall will coach Clinic.

* Holiday In the Depot: Lisa reported that everything is in good order. The only problem is that she is unable to find film for the Polaroid camera except for a very high cost. Lisa and Cindy Brissett will bring their digital cameras. Motion: To approve the purchase of a photo printer, paper and ink by the Parks and Rec Commission. By C.J. Kersten, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

COORDINATOR’S REPORT: Lisa’s report was covered under “Old Business”.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Budget: Sheila asked that the Commissioners begin to think of items and figures for next year’s budget planning. Resurfacing of the outdoor basketball court and a hood for the stove at the Pavilion

were mentioned as possible upcoming projects. The Commissioners will meet on January 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the budget and will then hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

* Ski Trip: A letter has been received from Ralph Wescott, Shepaug Ski Trip Manager, regarding this year's ski trip to Vermont. The trip is open to all Shepaug students in grades 6 through 12. The cost of the bus is now being listed as a separate expense and will mean an increase in the cost for the students participating. Mr. Wescott is asking Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington recreation departments to consider a contribution of \$500 each. After discussion it was decided that Washington would not contribute \$500 but would be willing to consider a scholarship for a Washington student to attend.

* Tai Chi: Diane Baker has asked to hold a Tai Chi class at the Town Hall on Thursday's from 6:00-7:00 p.m.. The cost will be \$90 for a 6-week course. The request was approved and she will be requested to give a report upon completion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

* Merry Christmas to all!

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 12, 2009 – 5:30P.M. – budget discussion; 7:00 p.m. regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk