

June 19, 2006

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

Call to Order: Sheila Anson called the meeting, held at the Pavilion amidst Carnival set-up, thunder storms and heavy rains, to order at 7:03p.m.

Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 8, 2006 meeting with the following correction: Steven Reich should be Stephen. By Holly Haas, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved.

Opening Comments:

Sheila thanked Lou Magnoli for his dedication to the Parks and Recreation Commission as he attended this evening's meeting just days after surgery and wished him well on a procedure scheduled for next week.

The Village Improvement Society held it's annual picnic last week at the Pavilion and there were *many* words of praise for the new facility !!

I. Visitors: First Selectman Dick Sears attended this evening's meeting to bring the commissioners up-to-date on the boat ramp at Lake Waramaug. One set of plans has gained verbal DEP and DOT approval (need to still get in writing). Dick is hoping to get the applications/approvals from the Town's Land Use Commissions this fall and winter with a possible start time of next summer. There was discussion as to what will be done with the current beach house, boat house (renovate, demolish, rebuild?) and the additional funds that will need to be raised by the Town and private sources. Ray Reich felt it was important that rowing on the lake continue to be an important activity - the boat house therefore would be important for storing of boats.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Beach/Boat Launch: See above report from Dick Sears. Lisa Easter reported that Jeff Cox will be the Beach Director this year and Matt Hall will be his assistant. All guards are hired and set and opening day will be 6/23. Beach passes will be \$20 per family for the season.

2. River Walk Park: Kathy Gollow in the selectman's office has been working on getting a "**courtesy phone**" installed at the new pavilion for emergencies and local calls only. Larry Cable would like to **cut away sod and put stone dust under the Little League bleachers, and wash benches**. Scott Werkhoven is working on getting the **water fountain** at the Ted Alex Field working. An expenditure of \$100 **was approved for the purchase of a lawn mower. Anne and John Potter have given a \$200 donation** and would like something done along River Walk **acknowledging the Gorra Family**. Sheila has been in touch with them and asked what they would like. A suggestion was made to have a **First Aid Kit and Fire Extinguisher** put into the kitchen at the Pavilion. **Rental Rates:** The Commissioners unanimously agreed to rent the Pavilion for \$25 if no equipment (tables, chairs, grill) is used - plus a \$25 deposit. A notation will be made on the form that if damages should exceed the \$25 deposit, the renter will be responsible for damages. **WVFD Carnival** will be held this coming weekend. Bathrooms will be kept locked and only handicapped persons allowed to use them. The general public will use the porta potties. **John Hoffer** has submitted a proposal and price for the **plantings** at the Pavilion. The Washington Garden Club has generously offered to pay \$5-6000 for this. Any additional monies needed for the plantings and the watering system will be covered by Parks and Rec. **Motion:** To approve an expenditure of \$2500 for Artistic Irrigation. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To approved an expenditure of \$1800-\$2800 for plantings (balance

after WGC donation). By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

3. Nick Platt Field Use, Tot Lot and Beach Playgrounds: Lisa Easter reported that Tim Cook has checked maps and there is room for a playground at the Nick Platt Field without interfering with soccer field. Lisa will also be meeting with representative from a playground equipment company on Monday, June 26th re: all three playgrounds. Lisa will let Tim know the size of the playground for Nick Platt Field - this will determine if zoning permits are required.

4. Planning Commission-Depot Study. No report.

5. Little League: Tim reported there was a tournament last Saturday, All Star game this Wednesday. Fence toppers are in and a workday will be scheduled. Netting for the Ted Alex Field will hopefully be installed in the fall.

6. Master Plan: No report.

7. Senior Projects: Mike Hill's project - having signs made up with Berkshire League and State Championships - signs are done but need to be put up.

8. Summer Concerts: Julie Fredlund has contacted the Commission re: Shepaug Friends of Music holding a concert on July 29th at the Pavilion. **Motion:** To approve a contribution of \$500 from the "Summer Concert" fund, to Shepaug Friends of Music for their concert on July 29th. If the Navy Band comes to Washington (which we have applied for), the Legion will provide the food and that concert will also be held at the Pavilion. We are awaiting word on this.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa reported:

Summer Recreation counselors are all set. Cecilia Page will be the Director.

Monday, 6/26, 8:45a.m. - Bloodborne Pathogen course being offered to all counselors.

Multi Sport Camp has been very popular with signups coming in steadily.

NEW BUSINESS: . . .', .

Refrigerator at the Pavilion: All were in agreement size, cost will be looked into.

4th of JULY: Ray Reich updated the commissioners on plans for the Fireworks. Expenses will run approximately \$34,000 and projected income is \$36,000. There will be no music during the show this year. Roger Ranieri will cut the soccer field across the street from Shepaug that will be used for parking. The rain date is Wednesday, July 5th. A driver is needed for the golf cart to transport handicapped from parking in front of the school to the picnic area. All else seems to be "Ready to Go!"

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sheila reported:

The first annual Stephen Reich Memorial Awards were given to **Amy Fuhry** (Shepaug student) and **Pete Williams** (community volunteer).

2006 July 4th t-shirts were designed by Megan Reich George and her husband.

Road Race - July 4th, 9:00a.m. Steep Rock - help is needed.

Congratulations to Ray Reich on his retirement from the Gunnery, **Liz Greene** on her bike ride across the State of Maine for the American Lung Association, and **Tim Cook** for participating in his first Litchfield Road Race.

FROM THE COMMISSIONERS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHEILA!! (June 23rd).

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Anne Greene Clerk

