**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Minutes**

**October 5, 2015**

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

**Present:** Chairman C.J. Kersten, Vice-Chairman Sheila Anson, Commissioners Joe Fredlund, Tim Cook, Carrie Rowe.

Visitors: Matt Moscatelli, Robin Delancy, Dan Delancy.

**Call to Order:** Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:36p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission with the spelling correction of “Roe” to “Rowe”. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

* **Matt Moscatelli of Mobile Bicycle Workshop** attended this evening’s meeting to discuss his full service bike shop on wheels. He is hoping to “set up shop” in Washington on a regular operating schedule, i.e. one day a week. Various locations were discussed – Town Beach, Route 202 commuter parking area, 1 Green Hill (Old Texaco Station). The mobile workshop is equipped to do repairs, full tune-ups, etc. Matt would also like to hold workshops on bike repairs, etc. The Commissioners supported Matt’s ideas and suggested several people to contact especially for a location. He is aware of the need for licenses and permits.
* **Robin Delancy of Lakeside Lunch** attended this evening’s meeting to report on her season at the Town Beach. She is grateful for the location and said the spring and summer went very well and will continue for a few more weeks this fall. Robin did ask if it were possible to have a key to a restroom once the beach closes for the season. Lisa Easter explained that one of the restrooms is open when the boat launch is open. If this is not adequate, she will speak with Ray Reich re: the key.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Beach and Boat Launch:** Ray Reich was not in attendance to give a report. Beach Director Jeff Cox submitted his written report to Lisa Easter in which he states it was a successful season with his new assistant, Griffin DeCaro and their staff of guards.
* **River Walk Park:** Vinnie Belanger has installed the new gate to the Pavilion area. C.J. Kersten has spoken with Highway Director, Kevin Smith, the handicapped parking spots as well as the entrance to the Pavilion from the parking area will be paved. He is also hopeful to be able to assist with the “top dressing” of the walking path. Joe Fredlund reported that internet, wireless and cameras have been installed at the Pavilion for the new security system. Once staff has been trained on the new system it will be alarmed. Clay will be delivered next week for the Dick Ayer Field for Dave Swanson. There was discussion on the poor condition of the outfield at the Dick Ayer Field. The severe dry weather and grubs were given as possible reasons. Lisa Easter will contact Artistic Irrigation regarding a price to install a system. She will also be checking with them about shutting the system down for the season and ask them to specifically check and repair the section at the Pavilion. Sheila Anson reported that a Gunnery faculty member had stopped by to inquire about projects for a group of students. She referred him to First Selectman Mark Lyon and Lisa Easter. Possible suggestions were to help with the removal of Japanese Knotweed and/or to maintain the gardens at the Pavilion. There has also been a suggestion of installing a changing table in one of the restrooms.
* **Bocce Court:** C.J. Kersten reported that the approximate cost to construct the court is $14,000 +/-. The Village Improvement Society has committed $5,000. The monies donated in memory of Norma and James Anson total $4,200 and the family has requested they be used for the court. That leaves a shortfall of $5000-$6000. Possible donors and fundraisers will be discussed further with the hope of construction next spring.
* **4th of July/Fireworks:** Ray Reich was not in attendance for a report. Lisa Easter reported that the police bill may be the only one outstanding.
* **Holiday in the Depot:** Friday, December 11th. Lisa requested Commissioners be available inside the Town Hall. C.J. Kersten will speak with Summer Recreation Director Brian McCauley about lighting the tree. Lisa will also look into Gunnery students assisting with the set decoration and set-up.
* **911 Museum Trip:** Sunday, November 1st. See Coordinator’s Report for more details.
* **Bowling Alley floor:** Sheila Anson reported the problem with the floor in the Bowling Alley continues to “ooze”. Joe Fredlund said he would bring it up at the Buildings and Properties Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 7th.

**COORDINATOR’S REPORT:** Lisa Easter reported the following:

* **BUS TRIPS-** Sunday, November 1st we’re going to the 911 Memorial Museum and then to Arthur Avenue for a visit to “little Italy”. Bus leaves Bryan Memorial Town Hall at 8am, 4 hrs. in the Museum and grounds, 1 ½ hr. stop on Arthur Ave for goodies and/or dinner, then return to Washington approximately 6pm. Cost $65.00pp for the bus, driver tip and the ticket into the museum. Reserve TODAY!!
* **FALL SWIM LESSONS/ADULT MORNING SWIM –** The pool at Shepaugis due to be open on Monday, October 19th. Swim Lessons will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays**.**
* **HOLIDAY IN THE DEPOT**- Friday December 11th. We’ll need volunteers to help John in the Town Hall with the general running of things for the whole evening, 5:30pm- 8:30pm or when the last child has seen Santa.
* **KARATE:** Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays at Montessori School.Next session began September 28th for 10 weeks.
* **OPEN WATER SWIM:** With Dom Gillen at Lake Waramaug had 9 people participate. Dom will run his Bike Trainer Class this winter. Details TBA.
* **SUMMER REC 2016** – We’re starting to plan next summer. Hopefully the registration will be ready with the Christmas card mailing. We’ll address the “what to expect” from summer camp with a general letter on the back of the registration form and posting on the website and Facebook. We’re donating two weeks to Summer Camp 2016 for the Silent Auction at the Wine Tasting by the Knights of Columbus. Dean Aita is the chairman.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **2016 Calendar or Meetings: Motion:** To approve the following dates for Parks and Recreation Commission meetings for 2016: January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 20, July 18, September 12, October 17, November 14, December 12. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

* **Shepaug Homecoming –** Friday, October 9th beginning at 3:45p.m.
* **Congratulations to Leah and Chris Papsin** on their purchase of property in Washington.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

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