**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Minutes**

**December 1, 2015**

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

**Present:** Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Ray Reich, Carrie Rowe, Joe Fredlund, Sheila Anson. Coordinator Lisa Easter; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Call to Order:** Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Ray Reich, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Beach and Boat Launch:** Ray Reich had no report. C.J. Kersten received an email from First Selectman Mark Lyon regarding a request from a Town resident to have a wedding at the Town Beach in September 2016. Following discussion and numerous concerns and questions, it was determined that the interested party should attend next month’s meeting to discuss further.
* **River Walk Park:** The Pavilion has been shut down for the winter. River Walk is used and enjoyed by residents even after Pavilion closed for the season. C.J. will check on the garbage receptacles. Lisa Easter received a bill for the application of roundup on the knotweed. No one on the Commission ordered this. She will check further. The new alarm system for the Pavilion has been activated and United Alarm has been cancelled. The handicapped parking spaces have been paved and the sides seeded. A Town resident has requested use of the Pavilion parking spaces on Thursday, December 3rd. The Commissioners approved. Sheila Anson will also notify the Primary School.
* **Bocce Courts:** No report.
* **Fireworks:** Ray Reich reported all bills have now been received and paid. This year’s Fireworks account started with $30,900 and ended with $26,900. Ray explained this is the result of selling fewer VIP passes and car passes and the bill for police coverage being approximately $1000 more than last year.
* **Holiday in the Depot:** All is set. New addition this year is a Shepaug Dramalites booth. Sheila Anson reported that the Fire Chief had inquired about the possibility of having some of the fire trucks decorated and lit for a “parade” through the Depot. Sheila will speak with him further about this. Lisa Easter will not be able to attend the event but will create a “punch list” for the Commissioners.
* **Bowling Alley Floor:** Joe Fredlund reported that the Buildings & Properties Commission has discussed this and is looking into its repair/replacement.
* **Winter Fest 2016.** Carrie Rowe reported that it is set for February 27th. More details at the next meeting of the Commission.

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

* **Karate:** Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays at Washington Montessori. The next session will begin Monday, December 7th.
* **Baseball/Softball/Spring Soccer:** Sign ups begin January 16th online at [www.shepaugbaseballsoftball.com](http://www.shepaugbaseballsoftball.com) and [www.shepaugsoccerclub.com](http://www.shepaugsoccerclub.com).
* **Summer Rec Camps:**

**Rec Camp –** five weeks June 27th to July 29th. More information on this and afternoon camps will be available in the Parks and Rec office and on the Town’s website.

* **Swim Lessons:** Last session finished last week. Mo VanMoffaert would like to run a Lifeguard Certification Class during Spring Break in April
* **Washington Gunnery Family Skate:** Sundays from 4:45p.m.-7:00p.m and began November 22nd and goes through March 6th. $5 per person per session or $65 for the season. $145 for the family for the season.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **2016-2017 Budget:** The Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m., January 11th to begin work on the 2016-2017. They will hold their monthly meeting immediately following at 6:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMMAN’S REPORT:** Chairman C.J. Kersten reported the following:

* **Healthy and Happy Holiday wishes!**
* **Thank you to the Gunnery** for its town-wide party and for honoring Sheila Anson! – Congratulations!!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk