**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Minutes**

**June 15, 2015**

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

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

Visitors: Kim and Adam Bedini.

**Call to Order:** Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

**Welcome Kim & Adam Bedini:**

* **Adam Bedini** has begun his own food truck business and is in the process of obtaining all necessary permits, licenses, etc. He and his mother, Kim, attended this evening’s meeting to discuss ways to get “their name out”. One idea was to sell “specialty French fries” at the 4th of July Fireworks. They are considerate of the Fire Department’s selling of burgers and would not want to interfere or compete. The Commissioners discussed pros and cons, placement of the truck, need for electricity, etc. and offered to discuss further later in the meeting and let them know of their decision. Other ideas and suggestions offered to the Bedini’s included the Summer Concert, private schools and special events.

**Tribute to Agnes Foulois:** Sheila Anson asked the Commissioners to remember and celebrate the long and wonderful life of Agnes Foulois who passed away on June 13th at the age of 102. “A toast to Agnes and God Bless!”

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Beach & Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported both are up and running for the season. There was discussion about the refurbishing of the lifeguard stand and the need to raise it out of the sand. Ray, C.J. Kersten and Joe Fredlund will meet at the beach tomorrow morning to assess. Griffin Decaro has been named Assistant Beach Director. Jeff Cox, Beach Director, has asked about having a defibrillator at the beach. Joe Fredlund offered to speak with the Lions Club about this.
* **River Walk Park:** Sheila Anson reported that Groundskeeper, Wes Gladding, has been asked to “drag” the Dick Ayer Field for the summer softball games. He will do this on his own time and be compensated by Shepaug Baseball and Softball. He may need to use the parks and Recs gator – the commissioners saw now problem with this. Thank you to Tim Cook for replacing bushes and plantings that had died as a result of the harsh winter! Lisa Easter has again spoken with Jay Combs at the Washington Supply regarding the partition for the men’s room – he requested a copy of the plans for an exact measurement. Joe Fredlund will get the proposal and contract for the new security system to Lisa to arrange for installation after July 1st.
* **Bocce Courts:** C.J. Kersten reported that Michael Gorra spoke about the courts at the Village Improvement picnic and the need to raise additional funds. The total amount and what still may be needed will be discussed further.
* **Job Descriptions & Evaluations:** The job descriptions are completed and will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for their approval.
* **Fireworks:** Ray Reich reported that ticket sales are slower than normal; t-shirt sales are going well. Tickets will be sold in the Town Hall Monday-Friday 9-5:00 and in front of the Market on weekend mornings. Ray has been working with Region #12 grounds personnel regarding parking, where cars/truck should and should not drive, etc. Dumpsters, port-a-potties, etc. all ordered. Ray thanked the Commissioners for doing their usual duties! The road race is scheduled for the morning of the 4th in Steep Rock. Lisa Easter will contact Bob Lewis re: the timers. There was lengthy discussion regarding Adam Bedini’s request to have his food truck at the fireworks. Though the Commission would like to support his venture, it was decided that the fireworks was not the venue due to other vendors being denied in year’s past, it may set a precedent, the size of the truck, need for electricity, etc. Lisa will contact him, thank him for his interest and provide other suggestions.
* **Budget:** Lisa explained there were still some funds left in this fiscal year’s General Fund. Among other ideas, the purchasing of windscreens for the tennis courts and Joe Martin Field was discussed.
* **Website:** Carrie Rowe and Lisa reported that the website is up-to-date and both have received good feedback.
* **Summer Concert:** Scheduled for August 29th – gates open 5:00 p.m.; music 6:00 p.m. Concert will be free but donations will be accepted.
* **Kayak & Canoe Demonstrations & SUP Yoga:** Thursday, June 18th, 5:00 p.m. at Town Beach.
* **Summer Swim Team Director:** Megan Morse will be this year’s director. **Motion:** To give Trace Andrews a gift in the amount of $500 thanking her for her *many years* of service as the Swim Team Director (never taking a payment). By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Sheila Anson and unanimously approved.
* **Oktoberfest:** More info at the next meeting.

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

**ACE BASEBALL-** Art said registrations are off. I just mailed him 6 registrations, but have not talked to him since.

Week one: Tue-Fri June 23 – 26th; Second week Mon-Thur June 29th – July 2nd. $125 for each week or $200 for both.

**BUS TRIPS-** Saturday, May 30th to the Bronx Zoo, cost $68.00. Seven people from Washington went and had a great time. The weather was perfect!

Sunday, Aug. 30th we will be going to CitiField to see the NY Mets take on the Boston Red Sox. Cost- $85.00. Four people from Washington have signed up so far.

**DIMENSIONS BASKETBALL CAMP**- July 6-10Shepaug Valley M/H School. $100.00 per camper.

**HOW COOL IS THAT?! -**  Seven children signed up so far.

August 3 – 7th at Shepaug M/H School Cafeteria. $135per camper.

**KARATE:** Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays at Montessori School.Next session beginsin May for10 weeks.

**MULTI SPORT CAMP:** Four children have signed up so far.

August 17-21 from 9am-4pm at River Walk Park.

**SPORT SQUIRTS CAMP:** One child has signed up so far.

July 27-31 from 5:00-6:00 pm and August 17-21 from 4:30-5:30pm.

**MASTERS SWIM PROGRAM:** The classes started Tuesday April 7th and go until June 16th (no class April 14th).

**OPEN WATER SWIM:** With Dom Gillen will begin June 23rd at Lake Waramaug.

**SUMMER REC CAMPS** – 5 Weeks- June 29 through July 31st. $60 per child per week; family of 3 or more $150.00.

**PRE K/K:** 5 signed up so far.

**REC CAMP:** 29

**AFTERNOON CAMPS:**

Wildlife Camp 8 Children signed up June 29 – July 2 $110.00

Lego Camp 15 July 6-10 $135.00

Shark Tank for Guppies 6 July 13-17 $135.00

Span-Art Camp 6 July 20-24 $135.00

Multi Sport Camp 10 July 27 to 31 $135.00

**SUMMER SWIM TEAM** – We Have a Director and it’s underway!!

**TENNIS LESSONS**- Thirteen children signed up so far.

July 6-10 and 13-17 from 9-10:30 am. $90.00 per child.

**CARDIO TENNIS**- For adults. Tuesdays & Thursdays through July & August. $10/class; pay as you go.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

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

* **Congratulations** to all graduates and their families!
* **Condolences to Peter Hurlbut,** Town Clerk in Roxbury, and family, on the passing of his mother.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk