**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Minutes**

**July 20, 2015**

**Present:** Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Tim Cook, Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich.

Coordinator Lisa Easter; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Call to Order:** Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Beach & Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that the lifeguard stand has been painted and repaired. The step to the beach house has been repaired as well as the outlets in the beach house bathroom. Sheila Anson reported that the beach kayaks were used in last week’s triathlon and commended the spirit of two groups working together. There was discussion about two “complaints” – one dealing with the guards being “too vigilant” and the other with a grandmother wanting to bring her grandchild out in a one-person kayak. The Commissioners felt the guards should be applauded for following the rules and asking beachgoers to do the same.
* **River Walk Park:** The Commissioners felt that the Park, Walk and Pavilion were all looking great and applauded Wes Gladding and Liz Gugel for their good work. C.J. Kersten reported that trees along the Walking path had been trimmed by the Highway Department. Inland Wetlands Commission has asked that in the future they be notified prior to work of the nature being done. Lisa Easter will contact Vincent Belanger about replacing the gate to the entrance of the Pavilion and to look into putting a gate that would prevent cars from driving on the walking path. Larry Cable has repaired the basketball hoop behind the Primary School. Joe Fredlund will bring information to Lisa regarding the new security system at the Pavilion. Lisa will contact Artistic Irrigation about the sprinklers not working in the garden area. Liz Gugel has reported that bats or squirrels may be living in the space between the chimney and the ceiling in the Pavilion. Joe Fredlund offered fill the space with mesh screening. Tim Cook reported that the Dick Ayer field has grubs. Joe and C.J. will meet with Meadowbrook. The visitor dug-out at the Dick Ayer field is also in need of repair.
* **Bocce Courts:** C.J. will contact Michael Gorra and the Village Improvement Society and report at the September meeting.
* **Fireworks:** Ray Reich reported that only 50 VIP passes were sold this year as compared to 96 in 2013. There was discussion as to the selling of passes at the gate. This will be discussed further and the suggestion was made that they be sold at the intersection of Nichols Hill Road and South Street rather than at the bottom of the driveway to Shepaug. Most felt the show had a slow start – but the finale was great. Ray will review the number of shells that were contracted for. There was also discussion about hiring a company to do the cleanup in the area where the shells are set off. The suggestion was made to put the Town’s website information on the fireworks car passes so that people could get information if the show needed to be cancelled due to weather. The Stephen Reich Memorial Run had a large turnout and all went well.
* **Budget:** Lisa reported that she has been attempting to order the windscreens for the tennis courts but has had no response from M & M Tennis. She has ordered clay, drag net, picnic table for beach and signs out of last year’s budgeted funds.
* **Summer Concert:** August 29th – New Desperation. Sheila Anson will arrange for a dumpster. The concert is free. Donations, however, will be accepted. Lisa will contact Adam Bedini about bringing his food truck.
* **Summer Swim Teak:** The program had a rocky start with the young woman who was hired to be the coach not showing up – children in the pool with no coach or lifeguard – parents upset, etc. Meghan Morse – Director of the program, and Lisa spent hours and resolved the problem for the remainder of the program.
* **Octoberfest:** No report at this meeting.

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

* **ACE BASEBALL-** Art said the numbers were low this year.
* **BUS TRIPS-** Friday evening August 7th were going to Yankee Stadium to see the Yanks take on the Toronto Blue Jays. $70 pp for bus, ticket and driver tip. We have 5 people signed up so far.

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

* **DIMENSIONS BASKETBALL CAMP**- No report from Matt yet.
* **HOW COOL IS THAT?! -**  .

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

* **KARATE:** Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays at Montessori School.Next session beginsJuly 13thfor 10weeks.
* **MULTI SPORT CAMP:** 14 signed up so far.

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

* **SPORT SQUIRTS CAMP:** Two children signed up so far.

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

* **OPEN WATER SWIM:** With Dom Gillen will began June 23rd at Lake Waramaug.
* **SUMMER REC CAMPS** – 5 Weeks- June 29 through July 31st. $60 per child; family of 3 or more $150.00.

Week I-45 children; Week II-53 children; Week III- 60 children; Week VI- 50 children; Week V-46 children.

* **AFTERNOON CAMPS:**

Wildlife Camp 16 Children signed up June 29 – July 2 $135.00

Lego Camp 25 July 6-10 $135.00

Shark Tank for Guppies 17 July 13-17 $135.00

Span-Art Camp 11 July 20-24 $110.00

Multi-Sport Camp 15 July 27 to 31 $135.00

* **TENNIS LESSONS**- 24 children participated.

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.
* **Vacation**: Lisa will be away from August 28 – September 12, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Cardio & Circuit Training:** Jaye Stuart would like to offer an “Open Weight Room” at Shepaug focusing on cardio and weight circuit training on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30. Jaye will supervise and there will be no charge. She is asking for Parks and Red’s support. **Motion:** To support the Cardio and Circuit Training program offered by Jaye Stuart. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

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

* **Happy July Birthdays** to Joe Fredlund, Tim Cook, Carrie Rowe and Mary Anne Greene.
* **Condolences** to Mo VanMoffaert on the death of her mother.
* **Congratulations and best wishes** to Tom and Ashley Farmen as they begin their last year at Rumsey Hall School.

**Next Meeting:** September 14, 2015.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk