

January 10, 2011

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

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

Call to Order:

Chairman Anson called the Budget Workshop to order at 6:20 p.m. noting that this meeting would be discussion, planning for the next fiscal year and that no financial decisions and/or motions would be made. The Regular Meeting of the Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and Sheila noted there was a quorum present.

Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Holly Haas, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach/Boat Launch: No report. Sheila will speak with Selectmen Nick Solley regarding his meeting with the beach caretakers in February or March in preparation for the spring opening.

* River Walk Park:

Lisa Easter noticed that the flag at the Ted Alex field is hanging from only one grommet. She will take it down to fix.

* Holiday in the Depot:

Continued comments of a successful evening have been received. Ideas are being discussed to celebrate the 20th Anniversary - next year. The Shepaug Chorus will be asked if they would like to be "strolling carolers" throughout the evening – if not, Lisa has information on a group that would do this. The Commission again asked that the minutes reflect gratitude and appreciation to Daryl Wright for putting the lights on, and taking them off, the Town Hall tree.

* Bowling Alleys:

Tim Cook reported that he had the lumber to make the necessary repairs and will have it done prior to the first week in February.

* Basketball:

No report.

* Five Year Plan:

Joe Fredlund and Tim Cook met with Mark Showalter of the Town's Building & Property Commission to review the facilities that Parks and Rec oversees and what needs there are present and future. Joe offered to summarize their discussion and "to do" list and get it to Mark for further discussion with his commission and the Board of Selectmen.

* Morning Swim:

The pool is open!

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa reported:

* Bus trips: -Information has been received from Mohegan Sun Casino explaining what information is needed to have the Senior Bus registered with them. Once this is done, the bus could be used for a

Saturday trip. Trips to Yankee Stadium and Fenway are pending.

* Summer Camps and Events are being scheduled:

WVFD Firemen's Carnival - June 23, 24, 25

Summer Rec Camp - June 27 – July 22

Swanson/Horrigan Tournament - July 8,9,10

Dimensions Basketball - July 11-15

Berkshire Field Hockey - July 25-29

Spartan Hoop School - August 1-5

Lego Camp - August 8-12

Multi Sport Camp - August 15-19

Ace Baseball and Softball Camp have yet to be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Budget: A Budget Workshop was held prior to the regular meeting this evening. Lisa will finalize the General Fund numbers for submission to the Board of Selectmen. Discussion may continue regarding any capital expenditures that may be necessary and/or requested.

* Election of Officers:

Motion:

To elect Sheila Anson as Chairman and C.J. Kersten as Vice-Chairman.

By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook. Discussion: Sheila explained that she has been Chairman for approximately 20 years and would like to turn over the reigns. C.J. Kersten has agreed to take on the Chairmanship after Sheila completes one more year. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sheila reported:

* Sympathy is extended to the families of Joan Talbot and Peg Addicks. Their lives are remembered and honored for the contributions they both made to the Town of Washington for many years!

* Closing of Washington's Probate Court:

Due to regionalization of the Probate Court system, Washington's court officially closed on January 5, 2011. Judge Victoria "Tara" Cherniske was honored at a gathering at the Town Hall on the evening of the 5th. Her 20 years of service touched many lives and she will be deeply missed by her fellow Town Hallers! Sheila asked that the minutes reflect the Commissions gratitude and good wishes as she begins a new chapter!

* Anne Potter is retiring as New Milford Senior Center's Director in March.

* Congratulations to David Easter, Sr. on his graduation from Eastern Kentucky University! He has earned his Bachelor's Degree in Fire Technology from the College of Justice and Safety.

* Congratulations to Great Aunt Sheila on the birth of Quinn Evans on November 12th 2010. Quinn is the daughter of Melissa (Anson) and Chris Evans and sister to Reese and Reagan.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk

