

January 11, 2010

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes January 11, 2010

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

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

Visitors: Robin Delancy, Papa Joe Martin.

Call to Order: Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. noting there was a quorum present and thanking members of the Commission for coming early this evening to begin work on their budget requests for 2010-2011. Tim Cook, Ray Reich, and Lou Magnoli were sworn in for their next term as members of the Commission.

Minutes:

* Motion:

To approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission as submitted.

By Holly Haas, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

* Robin Delancy attended this evening's meeting to discuss her request to be allowed to have a hot dog cart at the Town Beach. Robin explained she has spoken to the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Commission and Health Department. Robin has been unemployed for over a year and despite an active search for employment has not found any. She is hopeful that her idea of a hot dog cart would not only provide her with income but also fill a void around the Lake – there are no longer any concession stands and nowhere for those enjoying the Lake to get anything to eat or drink. Her cart would be small enough for her to remove from the back of her car and be portable. She would like to begin in April for fishing season and go through foliage season. Numerous questions were asked and it was explained she would need to get a peddler's permit that is good for one year. The Commissioners thanked Robin for coming and explained they would discuss the request and get back to her ASAP.

* Papa Joe Martin attended this evening's meeting to discuss improvements and additions to the Joe Martin Little League Field. His ideas, which he has discussed with coaches, would be over a 2-3 year plan. Joe would like to see (in order of preference): 1) a permanent score board measuring 8' x 6' x 6" for an approximate cost of \$3515 – plus shipping; 2) a 30' flagpole with illumination – cost? 3) a three-tier bleacher for an approximate cost of \$1059 – plus shipping; and 4) two batting cages – cost ?. He would like the Little Leaguers to be involved and raise funds through various spaghetti suppers, etc. He has also approached a member of the Village Improvement Society. Joe will get more information and prices and proceed with Parks and Rec's blessing. Ray Reich suggested that the Commission go to the field to see just where items would be placed. The Commissioners thanked Joe for coming and explained they would discuss the requests and get back to him ASAP.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach/Boat Launch:

Ray Reich reported that work on the new beach house is nearly completed. He will speak to the Selectmen regarding storing of kayaks, canoes, etc. in the air boat room in the summer months when the boat would not be in it, as well as what the possibility of getting new playground equipment would

be.

* River Walk Park:

Sheila Anson reported she found the back door to the kitchen open upon checking the Pavilion after a power failure. It needed to be straightened which Larry Cable took care of. Discussion of dedication of the fireplace took place – again thinking the Village Improvement Picnic would be an appropriate event at which to do it. Lisa Easter will begin to look into having a plaque made.

* Shepaug Basketball Association:

Lisa Easter has been meeting with the Association to discuss all teams being under their auspices by next year. They will also sponsor the Hot Shot Contest this Friday along with the Recreation Departments of Washington, Roxbury and Bridgewater.

* Family Skate: No report.

* Sub Committee-Beach Property Caretaker's Agreement:

The sub committee distributed their draft #2 of the Caretaker's Agreement, which lists duties and responsibilities for whomever would be living in the new beach house. This has also been given to the Board of Selectmen for their review. The sub committee also worked on a lease agreement and the Town Attorney will review this.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported the following:

* Bus Trips:

Nick Gueniat's Senior Project – bus trip to walk the Freedom Trail in Boston on April 18th, 2010 has been advertised and now waiting for sign-ups.

* Basketball:

See above under Shepaug Basketball Association.

* Painting Copy Room:

Lisa, her son David and Nick Gueniat painted the copy room the week between Christmas and New Year. (Thank you to all - for a job well done!!)

NEW BUSINESS:

* Robin Delancy-Hot Dog Cart:

Following discussion the Commissioners made the following Statement: "All Commissioners present at this evening's meeting are in favor of Robin Delancy's proposal, and agree to allow her to apply for the necessary permits to have her hot dog cart at the Town of Washington Town Beach. It will be recommended that the Board of Selectmen place any parameters they feel necessary." It was also suggested that when she apply for her peddler's permit, she be reminded it is for one year at a time.

* Papa Joe Martin-Little League Field Improvements:

The Commissioners agreed they should make a site visit to the field, discussed the need for illumination of the flag pole and in an effort to assist with the improvements, made the following Motion: To purchase the three-tier bleacher for a price not to exceed \$1400. By Tim Cook, seconded by Lou Magnoli and unanimously approved.

* CD:

Linda McGarr has asked the Commission if they would like to have their CD renewed for another one-year period. As interest rates are currently low, it was decided to ask Linda to renew for a three-month

period and to review again at the end of that time.

* 4th of July:

Following discussion it was decided to spend \$25,000 for 2010 fireworks and to ask that this year music be coordinated with the shoot. It was also agreed not to have the skydiver this year, as that would be an additional cost.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sheila Anson reported the following:

* Welcome back to Jeff Magnoli who has begun working in the Admissions Department of Marvel wood School.

* Happy "Special" Birthday to Lisa Easter on February 2nd...nifty :)!

* Spectrum's 2009 highlights featuring Lou Magnoli as the 2009 recipient of the Stephen Reich Citizenship Award.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 8, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk