

October 2, 2006

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 17, 2006 and September 11, 2006 meetings. By Holly Haas, seconded by Time Cook and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Potter Gift: Sheila updated the commission that she had again contacted the Gorra regarding the gift made by the Potters in their name. Sheila has advised them to speak with Joe Fredlund who has coordinated the planting project(s) at the pavilion and River Walk.

2. River Walk Park: Joe was asked to check on a shrub that needs to be replaced and a suggestion has been made to install a gutter above the phone. Sheila reported that the bathrooms are getting a great deal of us, there have been no problems this summer with vandalism, abuse of the facilities, etc. Larry Cable, groundskeeper, will be on vacation for the next two weeks. Perry Cable will cover for him.

3. Beach Boat Launch: Ray Reich reported there was a meeting last week with First Selectman Dick Sears, Selectman Nick Solley and David Wilson, Engineer to review the plans, etc. The plans have received DOT and DEP approval. The next step for now is to take the plans for the new boat ramp and subsequent work to the Inland Wetlands Commission. The present boathouse may be demolished this winter and there are plans to rebuild on another spot of the Town's beach property. Ray again stressed what he feels to be very important and that is to make sure that "rowers" still have a place to store their boats and that rowing be maintained on Lake Waramaug. A new boathouse will also be designed to store the news "air boat" to be used for rescues on the Lake.

4. Playgrounds: Lisa Easter reported that she is still waiting for one more plan/estimate from Landscape Structures. Once this is received she will ask the Selectmen to extend an Invitation to Bid. She has checked with Land Use and no permits are required. She feels the whole project (Nick Platt Field, Beach and Tot Lot) may cost more that projected and may have to be done in stages, asking the Selectmen and Town for additional monies.

5. Summer Concerts: We will again try to hold at least one in conjunction with the Shepaug Friends of Music.

6. Pumpkin Festival: Tim Cook would like to see us work on this earlier next year but for this year will try to coordinate something with the Lion's Club Halloween party - perhaps placing pumpkins on the bridge in the Depot and at the Primary School.

7. Holiday In the Depot: Washington Business Association is again sponsoring this event with some assistance from Parks and Rec.

8. Summer Rec Raffle: Cecilia Page has been notified that the Parks and Rec has won a raffle following a trip this past summer to Lore's Lanes, for a group to bowl. This may be offered to the youth group of the Salem Church.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

1. Red Sox Game: Lisa Easter reported a very successful trip to Fenway Park on Sunday 10/1 despite a lengthy rain delay and the game then being called due to more rain after the 5th inning. Thanks to Ray Reich who did a wonderful job assisting Lisa with this trip. Suggestions have been made to include

trips to Quincy Market, etc. with a baseball game and make it an overnight in Boston trip!

2. Broadway Trip this fall: Lisa asked for suggestions - thinking of something different from Radio City, Newport Mansions, etc. She presented several ideas for Broadway plays and plans to combine with seeing the Christmas decorations, tree at Rockefeller Center, etc. Lou Magnoli also suggested looking into the Bushnell Theater and what might be available there.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Basketball: Tim Cook reported the first planning meeting has taken place, with another scheduled for this week. Tryouts are scheduled. There will be a fundraiser game of South Kent vs. No. Carolina. More details to be announced at a later date.

2. Adult Basketball: Lisa reported that C.J. Kersten has notified her he will not be able to run this program this year. Suggestions for a replacement are being sought (although **who** could ever replace C.J.!?)

3. Capital Budget Requests: Start planning now (ideas: kitchen at the pavilion/septic; repairs & maintenance to basketball court and tennis courts...)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to Melissa Anson and Chris Evan on their October 7, 2006 Wedding. And congratulations to Auntie Sheila!!!

2. Pavilion/River Walk: Sheila Anson again complimented the Commission and thanked all who made this new area the beautiful, much used, facility it is!

3. Congratulations to the Reich's on the induction of Stephen to the Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding career in baseball at West Point!

4. Welcome Back to Lou Magnoli following his successful surgery and recovery and completing his first day back at work at Rumsey today!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2006, 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk