

December 10, 2012

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

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Whitney Ryan, Tim Cook, and Laura Martin; Coordinator Lisa Easter; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Visitor: Mariah Hofmann.

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

By Tim Cook, seconded by Laura Martin and unanimously approved.

Visitor:

Mariah Hofmann:

Mariah attended this evening's meeting to discuss her Senior Project at Shepaug High School. She would like to do a diving clinic – "The Psychology of Diving" – on January 12th for 30 students in 4-8 grades. Mariah has a gymnastics background and began diving three years ago at Shepaug and has excelled at this – Berkshire League Championship last year and she is now the Middle School Dive Team coach. She distributed a handout, explained the number of assistant coaches and lifeguards, etc. she would have in attendance as well as the schedule, description and budget. She requested the Parks and Rec Commission to "sponsor" her clinic by attaching its name to advertising, etc. The Commissioners thanked her for her presentation and assured her Lisa Easter would contact her later this evening with their decision.

Motion:

To approve sponsoring Mariah Hofmann's Senior Project "The Psychology of Diving".

By Tim Cook, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach/Boat Launch:

Ray Reich reported all is well! He will contact the Washington Supply to check on the status of the flagpole ordered for the Beach House. Leah & Chris Papsin sent a Thank You Note for the gift certificate sent by the Commissioners. Lisa Easter reported she purchased a small printer/copier for the Boat Launch.

* River Walk Park:

Liz Gugel and Larry Cable have completed closing down the Pavilion for the winter – water and

power off, etc. Wes Gladding will try to get more painting done on the dugouts weather permitting – otherwise will do in the Spring. Tennis nets are down and stored for the winter.

* Holiday in the Depot:

Gunnery Headmaster Peter Becker has agreed to light the tree. Washington Montessori students will be singing at the Town Hall at the lighting and for the arrival of Santa. Gunnery students will be strolling and caroling throughout the evening in the Depot. Cyndy Brissett will be taking pictures of children with Santa. Glow necklaces and pencils are in. Washington Business Association is all set and stores will be open - some offering refreshments and raffles.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported the following:

* Holiday In the Depot:

see above.

* Swim lessons:

latest session winding down.

* Parks and Rec Website:

working with the Town's Webmaster to work out some glitches.

* Summer programs:

planning has begun.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Christmas School Vacation camp:

Velia Jenks-Urban who ran the "How Cool Is That" camp this past summer is interested in offering a camp during the Christmas break. Due to the way the Holidays fall this year, and the short notice, it was decided to consider this for the Spring Break. Lisa Easter will contact Velia.

* Babysitting Course:

Lisa is looking into offering this again as there seems to be quite a bit of interest.

* Budget meeting:

January 7th 6:00p.m.– pizza and budget discussion prior to the regular meeting at 7:00p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

C.J. Kersten reported the following:

* Speedy Recovery to Joe Fredlund.

* Condolences to Mary Anne Greene and family on the passing of her mother.

* Congratulations and thank you to the Washington Volunteer Fire Department for a VERY successful Slices with Santa – all proceeds going to assist needy families in Town.

* Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m. as there was no further business for discussion but presents to wrap :)!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene