

December 9, 2013

Present:

Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Whitney Ryan, Joe Fredlund, Tim Cook, Laura Martin.

Coordinator Lisa Easter; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to order:

Vice-Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

By Ray Reich, seconded by Laura Martin and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach/Boat Launch:

Ray Reich reported that the caretakers have trimmed the shrubs and planted the daffodil bulbs – place looks great and they are interested in staying on.

* River Walk Park:

Joe Fredlund and/or Lisa Easter, will follow up with Jay Combs at the Washington Supply regarding the estimate he was going to provide for Pavilion bathroom partitions, toilet paper/paper towel holders, soap dispensers, grab bars, etc. There was discussion about the signs for the Baseball Fields - Tim Cook and Lisa Easter will work together on sizes, material to be used, etc. and get estimates. The Commissioners also discussed items that will need to be funded through the capital fund – new concrete floor in the Pavilion (estimated \$15,000-\$20,000) and refinishing of the tennis and basketball courts.

Motion:

To spend up to \$2500 for new backboards for the basketball courts from the Parks & Rec checking account.

By Joe Fredlund, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

* In an attempt to know how many hours the Groundskeeper and Pavilion Attendant actually work in a season, the Commissioners requested that Coordinator, Lisa Easter, approve their time cards prior to their being turned into the Selectmen's Office. C.J. Kersten, Joe Fredlund and Sheila Anson have received several calls over the last week or two from the alarm company. Lisa will check with the Police Department and if necessary, request servicing from United Alarm.

* Holiday in the Depot:

Lisa Easter reported all is in order – any Commissioners available to help should come to the Town Hall.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported the following:

* How Cool is That (After School Science Camp) started Friday, November 15th with 6 children participating.

* Holiday in the Depot:
Friday, December 13th!

* Karate:

Frannie Caco has added a small Monday night class to her already successful Wednesday night class. Classes run in 10 week sessions.

* Master's Swim Classes:

John Moisan is planning a winter session with Dominic Gillen as the Coach. More information will be forthcoming.

* Adult Morning Swim:

Morning Swim has been charging \$25 per month for approximately one year now to cover the required security costs. Since costs are being covered, it was unanimously agreed to lower the monthly charge to \$20.

* Future Planning:

Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on or around March 16, 2014; Bus Trip to Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty during April vacation; Bus Trip to Yankees game.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Budget Meeting:

January 13, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

* Babysitting Course:

Lisa has contacted Mo VanMoffaert – more information to follow.

* Family Swim:

Laura Martin has offered to be present on Martin Luther King Day, January 20, 2014, for a Family Swim at the Shepaug Pool 1:30-3:00. Lisa will do the necessary paperwork and arrange for lifeguards.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

C.J. Kersten reported the following:

* Thoughts are with Sheila Anson and her family as we "Celebrate" the life of Norma Anson.

* As the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School approaches its first anniversary, we send our thoughts to the families, friends, and Town of Newtown.

* MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk