

## March 9, 2009

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. noting there was a quorum.

### **Minutes:**

\* Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Joan Gauthey, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Beach and Boat Launch: No report.

\* River Walk Park:

1) Groundskeeper Position – Lisa Easter reported that 36 applications have been received - she, several Commission members and Mark Lyon met prior to this meeting and have picked 8 candidates to contact.

2) United Alarm has submitted a proposal for monitoring, etc. at the Pavilion. Will review.

3) Hood for Pavilion Kitchen – quote has been requested for the purchase of the hood and installation. There was discussion of asking other Town organizations (that use the Pavilion for large events and who are not charged i.e. Fire Department, Lions Club) to help offset the price.

Motion: To proceed with the purchase and installation and to request donations from other Town organizations. By Lou Magnoli, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

4) Julie Adams – Lisa has left message regarding gardening, pruning, etc. that she will be doing.

4) Japanese Knotweed Eradication – David Thomson has applied for a grant to pay for this project along the walking path.

5) Garbage Can containers – Larry Cable will construct two per last month's meeting.

6) Lunan's Landscaping – Joe Fredlund has spoken to them and given them the OK to do the cleanup of fields.

\* Basketball:

Lisa received a call from Paul Cullen, Facilities Coordinator of Region #12, regarding some damage that was done at the primary school by "unsupervised children" during the time basketball was being held in the gym. Lisa does not believe it was the Parks and Rec program but will speak with our coaches, Shepaug Basketball Association was also contacted. Bob McCarthy, President of the SBA, would like to hold a meeting with our coaches.

\* Fireworks:

Ray reported that he had received bids from 3 fireworks companies and has decided to go with Telstar – the same company that has been used the past four years. They have offered to give us the same – or better :) - show (number of shells) as last year for less money. Ray has begun getting quotes for port-a-potties. He will be sending letters to VIP donors – not asking money from those who gave last year (because of cancelled show) but will "gently remind" those who did not contribute that their donations would be greatly appreciated. There was discussion about t-shirts and the need to find someone to design them.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Lisa reported:

\* Bus Trips:

Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay trip on May 10th still has room for 19. Cost is \$100 per person. Tall Ships trip

on July 11th has room for 31 – this includes bus to and from Boston, a 90 minute Boston Harbor Cruise around the ships and free time in Boston. Cost is \$85 per person. Yankees Tickets – still waiting until group tickets go on sale.

\* Spring Swim:

will start after April vacation.

\* Summer Camps: the following have been set up:

Beginner's Golf Clinic – July 13-17

Berkshire Field Hockey Camp – July 27 – 31

Dimensions Basketball Camp - July 6 – 10

Multi Sport Camp & Sport Squirts Camp - August 10 –14

Spartan Hoop School - July 27 – 31

Summer Recreation Camp – June 29 – July 24

Tennis/Ace Baseball/Summer Swim – dates to be determined.

\* Lego Camp:

information received with a proposal for August 3 – 7. Discussion resulted in agreeing to hold. Cost is \$130 +/- per person.

\* Pool Table:

has been resurfaced, leveled and “tuned up”. Cost was \$520.

\* Morning Swim:

Sheila reported this is going well and still a very popular program.

\* Brochure:

will be mailed to all postal patrons on or about May 1st.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Playhouse Donation:

Lisa has been contacted by a property owner in Town who would like to donate a new, completely built by Kent Greenhouse, playhouse that is approximately 10' by 9'. Pictures were distributed and discussion as to if we could use and where the best location would be (in addition to what would be done in it). It was decided the best spot would be at the beach. Lisa will check with Mike Ajello as to zoning set back requirements, etc. Parks and Rec's obligation will be to move it from its present location. More information will be available at the next meeting.

\* Shepaug Friends of Music-Concert:

A request has been received for a donation. Following discussion it was agreed to continue with this support.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Sheila reported:

\* Happy Belated Groundhog Day Birthday to Lisa.

\* Happy April 1st Birthday to Lou Magnoli and happy thoughts on feeling better.

\* Congratulations to Matt Grabel who has been on Wheel of Fortune.

\* Congratulations Shepaug Boys Basketball - winning Berkshire League Title.

\* Congratulations Shepaug Swim Team – winning Berkshire League Title 7th consecutive year.

\* Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

**NEXT MEETING:** APRIL 13, 2009, 7:00 P.M. LAND USE ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk