

## April 11, 2005

**Present:** Chairman Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Holly Haas, Joe Fredlund, C. J. Kersten, Joan Gauthey, Tim Cook, Lou Magnoli.

Coordinator Lisa Easter; Clerk Mary Anne Greene

**Call to Order:** Sheila called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

**Minutes: Motion:** To accept the minutes of the March 14, 2005 meeting as presented with the following "amendment" ( ): "Lake Waramaug Fireworks will be on Sunday, July 3rd." By Joan Gauthey, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **"River Walk Pavilion Project":** Exciting! Work has begun on bathroom addition and pavilion renovation. Dan Martin is doing a fantastic job - work is on schedule. A progress meeting is held each Tuesday at 5:30p.m. at the site for all contractors. Some discussion re: a possible dedication in the Fall. Walking path is getting a great deal of use; Charlie Showalter has been doing "groundskeeper" work and is doing a fantastic job; tennis nets are up - Lisa will contact M & M Tennis Courts regarding cracks that were reported.
- **Basketball:** Tim Cook reported that the end of the year meeting was held last week. Chris Childs will be retiring and another Washington resident is also needed for the "board". It was a great season with our 5th and 6th grade teams doing very well traveling and playing in Northwest League games. The next meeting of the Shepaug Basketball Association will be in August to plan for next year.
- **Little League:** Tim Cook reported there was a "League" meeting last week. Jamboree is scheduled for April 30th. Pappa Joe will be there with his hot dog wagon as will Werkhoven coaches, coach Dick Ayer and varsity players to assist. There have been a lot of registrations for the minor league teams; boy's major league teams look strong and only one girl's major league team. Tim will be ordering needed equipment. Tim also reported that the fencing work will be done at the Ted Alex Field next Tuesday. There will be a work night on Monday, 4/18 to do needed painting, edging, etc.
- **Beach and Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that boathouse rentals are starting to come in for this season. There was some discussion regarding the Lake Waramaug Agreement and the boats that will be allowed in this summer. At the present time it appears as if "car top" boats of non-residents will be allowed but details are still being finalized. Lisa Easter asked the Commissioners to review a new job description for the Beach Director. "Qualifications" were added specifying the Director must have current certifications in Lifesaving, Water Safety Instruction and CPR; previous waterfront or similar experience and supervisory or administrative experience. Currently Lifeguards have the certifications but the Director was not required to have them. As Jessica Giordano will most likely be returning this summer and these qualifications were not mentioned previously, it was not felt that the Commission could require her to get them for this summer. However, she or someone new will be required to be certified in the above by the following summer. Some minor changes made from previous years under "responsibilities". The Commissioners were asked to review and adoption will be done at the May meeting. Lisa was also asked to let the Commission know by the May meeting that Directors and Assistant Directors for the Beach and the Summer Recreation Program are definitely confirmed.

- **4th of July:** Ray Reich reported he will be receiving the t-shirt design from Cindy Brissett this week. It was decided to order collared shirts and tote bags. Ray has also sent out a fundraising letter to the Realtors in Town hoping to assist in meeting the additional \$2000 cost of the fireworks this year. Ray asked the Commissioner for their opinion about contacting Roxbury and Bridgewater Parks and Recreation Commissions to see if they could help with the cost of the Police. General consensus was that it may be too late in the budget process but it couldn't hurt to ask. There was discussion about raising the cost of the tickets to \$20 from \$15. It was decided to keep at \$15 this year, see how we do and if necessary raise to \$20 next year. Tickets will go on sale June 1st.
- **Budget Review:** Lisa explained some of the changes that were made in the original request to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance by the Board of Selectmen. Two of the biggest changes were to reduce the number of additional hours requested for the coordinator and the boat ramp attendant. Other changes were minor. Overall the Commission was pleased.

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

- **After School Arts and Crafts** has been doing very well. The next class will start April 14th and they will be doing Scratch Art. The following class will start May 12th and the children will be creating mobiles.
- **After School Skiing** at Mohawk Mountain on March 3rd was a big hit. May try to schedule more trips - once a month - next winter.
- **Spring Swim Lessons** are a huge success as always with 149 children signed up for Session I and Session II is almost full.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Rumsey Hall School Summer Camp Swim Lessons at beach:** This was done last year and they have requested doing again this summer - bringing their campers to the beach before it opens to the public. It was unanimously agreed to allow them to come again this summer - perhaps ask for a donation?

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- **Congratulations to Ray and Sue Reich** on the marriage of their son Stephen who has now returned to Afghanistan - best wishes and thoughts sent his way!
- **Happy Birthday Holly** on April 20th!
- **Thanks** to all who have been working SO hard on the Pavilion Project - contractors and Parks and Rec Commissioners who have put in countless hours!

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 as there was no further business.

**NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2005, 7:00p.m. Land Use Room.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk

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