

## **April 11, 2011**

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

**Present:** Chairman Sheila Anson, Commissioners C.J. Kersten, Lou Magnoli, Joe Fredlund, Tim Cook, Ray Reich; Coordinator Lisa Easter, Clerk Mary Anne Greene. Former Commissioner Joan Gauthey.

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

### **Minutes:**

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

By C.J. Kersten, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **\* River Walk Park:**

Lisa Easter reported that the bathrooms will be opened, water turned on, etc. for the season on Friday, April 15th. After discussion, it was decided to speak with Gary Alex to determine if they could be opened by Wednesday, April 13th due to nice weather and a home baseball game. Gary has refurbished the Ted Alex scoreboard. All locks will be re-keyed for security reasons. Discussion about the Application for Use of Pavilion form, resulted in several suggestions including it's being filed in duplicate with a checklist of what is being rented—tables, chairs, etc. that will be re-checked after the event prior to deposits being returned to the renter.

Motion: Effective April 15, 2011, all applicants to use the Pavilion will be required to pay the Deposit Fee (even if the Use Fee is waived) which will be returned only after the premises has been inspected by Gary Alex, Groundskeeper, and has been found to be in good condition and all equipment in place. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

#### **\* Fireworks:**

Ray Reich reported all is moving along smoothly. Letter to VIP donors has been written and will be mailed shortly. T-shirts have been designed by Elizabeth Wolf and are at Tenner's.

#### **\* Beach/Boat Launch:**

Ray Reich reported that he and Nick Solley will be meeting with Luis Gutierrez re: plantings at Town Beach to discuss what needs to be done this spring and will then meet with the Beach Caretakers (who have expressed their desire to continue) to discuss. Ray will be the contact between the Town officials and the Caretakers. The Lake Waramaug Association has expressed a willingness to possibly fund improvement(s) to the beach area – i.e. benches, playground equipment. There was discussion of using "Boathouse" funds to purchase used kayaks and canoes for use by townspeople using the beach. It was suggested that the liability of having kayaks or canoes be looked into prior to purchasing. The Beach will be opening on Memorial Day weekend and will be open weekends until June 25th when it will be open every day for the season.

#### **\* Five-Year Plan/Capital Budget Request:**

Projects that have been discussed with the Building and Property Commission include repairing the concrete floor in the Pavilion and staining of the Pavilion.

#### **\* Youth Work Initiative:**

Denise Arturi came to last month's meeting to discuss this program and met again this morning with Lisa Easter, Mark Lyon and Mary Anne Greene to work on details of how the program will work, as it

will be falling under the support of Parks and Rec. Funds will be raised privately from local organizations and/or individuals and the positions will be advertised for high school age students through the Town's website, Region #12 website, Channel 17, and at the Gunnery and Rumsey Hall Schools.

**\* VIS projects:**

C.J. Kersten reported he had made suggestions that could use funding to the Village Improvement Society following last month's meeting but had not yet heard back. Joe Fredlund offered to get more information on Bocce Courts.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Lisa Easter reported on the following:

**\* Use of Ted Alex Field:**

Tim Cook will get schedules for teams using the Ted Alex Field (Connie Mack, Babe Ruth, over 38, Shepaug, etc).

**\* Bus Trips:**

NY Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday, August 14th – 24 signed up (50 tickets available).

**\* Swim:**

Session I will end on April. Session II begins April 26th with 41 children registered to date and Session III begins May 6th with 62 children registered.

**\* Boot Camp:**

Deb Andrews has asked to give another 12-class/6 week Boot Camp at the Pavilion. It would be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 3rd to June 9th. Cost will be \$12 per class drop-in or \$120 for all 12 sessions paid up front. The Commission approved the request.

**\* Summer Rec Camp:**

All three directors will be returning this summer. We have been approached by Warren to participate in our camp – there would be approximately Warren children interested. Following discussion it was agreed to approve this request for this summer for Warren residents only.

**\* Vacation Coverage & May Meeting:**

Erin Brinton will be covering for Lisa in the Parks and Rec office on May 9th and 11th. The office will be closed on Monday, May 16th - Lisa will return on Tuesday, May 17th. The May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\* Vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission:**

Darren Dutcher has expressed his interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission in writing to the Commission and to the Board of Selectmen. Currently two vacancies exist. Other possible candidates and what their strong points should be were discussed. The consensus of opinion was to recommend Darren be appointed to fill one vacancy at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**\* Dugouts:**

Gary Alex has suggested all dugouts be painted (traditional dugout green?) and roofs repaired on those necessary. Estimates on roofing materials (shingles or metal) and samples will be gotten by Tim Cook. Motion: To approve up to \$975 from "Little League" funds for painting and possible roof repair work on dugouts once Scott and Dave Werkhoven have approved the color. By Tim Cook, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

\* Joe Martin Field Scoreboard:

Motion:

To approve up to \$250 for the purchase of cement to install the Joe Martin Scoreboard.  
By C.J. Kersten, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Sheila Anson reported the following:

- \* Wishes that Lou Magnoli had a Happy Birthday!
- \* Stephen Reich Citizenship Awards: suggestions of candidates can be made to Sheila.
- \* Congratulations to C.J. and Tammy on the news of the arrival of their third child!
- \* Congratulations to Tammy (Wyant) and Zen Rill on the birth of their daughter Delia.
- \* Sympathy Expressed to the family of Pete Locke who died today.

**Adjournment:**

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 7:42 to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

The Commissioners re-entered their regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. and adjourned, as there was no further business for discussion.

**NEXT MEETING:** TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk