

April 14, 2008

PRESENT: Chairman Sheila Anson, Tim Cook, Joe Fredlund, Holly Haas, Lou Magnoli, Ray Reich, and Coordinator Lisa Easter.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM noting there was a quorum present. The Commission congratulates member C. J. Kersten and Tammy Marquis on the birth of James Christopher Kersten on April 11th. Claire is now a big sister!

MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, by Ray Reich, seconded by Tim Cook, and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Beach/Boat Launch (Ray Reich)

Ray reported the following regarding the Beach and Boat Launch.

Boat Ramp is being worked on now and we're in good shape but will not be ready for opening day of fishing season, April 19th.

The Washington Zoning Commission is holding a special meeting tonight at 7:30 PM. Included on the agenda is a public hearing for the Town of Washington's application for a special permit to construct a compressor building on the 59 East Shore Road site of the boat launch.

The \$300,000 STEAP grant application for improvements to the Washington Town Beach and cottage was approved. This grant will be used to help finance those renovations.

Opening of the beach on Memorial Day weekend is still a go.

Ray thanked Lisa Easter for helping Ray and Hank Vallely with the ordering of the ramp passes, beach passes, and numerous other things that needed to be done.

Good job Ray, finished report within your fifteen-minute time table.

The Commission looked over the Monthly Report of Programs that Mary Anne submitted.

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Old Business (continued)

b. River Walk (Joe Fredlund, Lisa Easter, Sheila Anson)

The following was reported.

Bathrooms will open tomorrow, April 15th.

Broken lights in bathrooms have been replaced and new ones for the Pavilion, where needed, have been ordered and will be installed. Other damages are getting repaired.

Shed is almost completed. Stove has been hooked up and ready for inspection; thanks to Dan Moore and Allen Popilowski for donating their time.

Current and former (Dave Werkhoven) members of the Commission met at River Walk on March 29th and cleaned up the area in front of the split-rail fence, cut back some of the plantings, and spread mulch.

Lunan's Landscaping has been working on the fields. Netting to protect the spectators at the Ted Alex Field was put up by John Quist.

Tennis courts will be resurfaced in May. Lisa will report at the May meeting the update on the resurfacing (i.e., contractor, expense).

Some of the blue bird houses need to be replaced; Lisa said she would ask Joe O'Brien from Roxbury for some.

c. Fireworks (Ray Reich)

Ray and C. J. met with Telstar to discuss this year's display. Donations are coming in. Roger Cannavaro's band will be playing again. Rain date is Saturday, July 5th.

d. Budget

Lisa, C. J. , and Sheila met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss budget and answer any questions they had.

e. Shepaug Baseball and Softball (Tim Cook)

Teams are out practicing.

Diamond Ball and T-Ball coaches have met.

Tim requested foul ball poles for the Ted Alex Field at a cost of \$1500 for the both of them. It was suggested that Lisa and Tim put together a list of specific items needed for next year's Region #12 budget. Also suggested that perhaps a senior project for next year could be to raise the \$1500 for the poles.

Tim also requested a portable scoreboard for the Joe Martin Field. Ask Village Improvement to fund this?

Lisa reported that she's getting a lot of phone calls from parents who haven't been contacted by the coaches.

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Old Business (continued)

f. Pot Luck Movie Nights

Lisa picked up the popcorn machine today.

Suggestions of movies are needed.

Lisa will put the sandwich board out in front of town hall with the information.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Bowling alley lanes were sanded and finished. Lisa will report at the May meeting the expense and the contractor.

Brochure expected to be out by May 1st.

Swimming lessons program is full.

Camps are scheduled for summer.

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show bus trip scheduled for November 11th.

New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays bus trip scheduled for July 8th. Ray suggested we give a couple of tickets to volunteers of Parks and Recreation. *Very good idea Ray!* Joe suggested that we also give a couple of VIP Fireworks Passes to volunteers of Parks and Recreation. *Very good idea Joe!*

II. NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome back Holly! We're glad you're feeling better. Happy Birthday to Steve Haas!

Speedy recover to Joan Gauthy.

Lisa planned to go to Oklahoma for a weekend of "Mother's Activities" with her son, David, but her American Airlines flight got cancelled. Sorry Lisa!

We hope Mary Anne is enjoying a few days of sun and fun!

Happy Retirement to Jan Magnoli who will retire from teaching at Rumsey Hall School after 40+ years.

Again, congratulations to C. J., Tammy, and Claire on the birth of son and brother, James Christopher Kersten!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Filed subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Anson

Chairman