

May 12, 2003

Present: Sheila Anson, C. J. Kersten, Ray Reich, Joe Fredlund, Lou Magnoli, Lisa Easter, Holly Haas, Joan Gauthey, Tim Cook, Mary Anne Greene .

Guests: Courtney Dohan, Shanna Saharek, Erin Price (candidates for Summer Recreation Program Director).

The meeting agenda was delayed until the Commissioners had an opportunity to meet and ask questions of each of the candidates for the Director of the Summer Recreation Program. Each candidate came well qualified and the decision to select one was a difficult one. A straw ballot was taken and the result was to offer the position to Courtney Dohan. **Motion:** To accept the results of the straw ballot votes by Ray Reich, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved.

Minutes: Motion: To accept the minutes of the April 8, 2003 meeting as presented by Holly Haas, seconded by Lou Magnoli and unanimously approved.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Beach and Boat Launch: Ray Reich reported that discussions with the State are continuing but nothing new to report.

b. Comfort Station: Sheila, Tim and Joe met with the Board of Finance - went well. Parks and Rec discussing fundraising with Linc Cornell and Susie Payne. Publicity will be starting soon on this campaign.

c. Parent Council/Youth Association: Joe Fredlund reported that activities are going to be held throughout the summer for youth in the Region. Each town has been asked to take different weeks. Joe responsible for organizing something the week of August 6th. The Commission will discuss further to come up with ideas.

d. Old Town Garage site: No report.

e. Baseball/Little League: Tim Cook reported all going well. He does have a concern regarding the maintenance of the fields. Each of the fields needs something done each day as they are getting more and more use. Tim does most of it but ideally work should be done in the mornings. Lisa will speak with Paul Cullen - facilities coordinator for region 12 and Ray Osborne who may be willing to put in a bit more time to get the job done. Also spraying needs to be done for weeds and Banks Fence needs to be contacted regarding repair of fence on the Joe Martin field. Lisa will follow up with Paul and Tim will follow up with Banks Fence.

f. Insurance Coverage: Lisa reported this is "in the works" hopefully will have more details on the coverage for next meeting.

g. 4th of July: Sheila reported that she and Lisa have met with Resident Trooper Steve Sordi. Police will be at the school grounds by 3:00p.m. They will have a "run through". Ray Reich reported that donations are coming in a little slower than usual but "is not worried". Tickets are now on sale. The number of cars will be limited to 1300 instead of 1500. "Explorers" from the State Police Department will be Parker's. Everything seems to be in place. Road Race will take place in Steep Rock the morning of the 4th (registration 8:30-race 9:00).

h. Defibrillator: Sheila has written to Lions Club responding to their offer to purchase one for Parks and Rec and thanking them in advance.

II. COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa's report dealt mostly with low enrollment for spring. Sign ups for summer programs are just beginning and brochure has been mailed this week. The Babysitting

Course was a success. Fireworks tickets are on sale.

Pool table is now in the bowling alley area - cover will be purchased for it as soon as possible. Cues and balls are being kept in Lisa's office.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Connecticut Sun: A trip is scheduled for August 5th for Connecticut Sun Basketball game (vs. Detroit).

b. Golf Camp: Assistant pro from Candlewood Valley Country Club does golf clinics for children - offered to do one for Parks and Rec, giving 5% of proceeds. The Washington Club offers a similar program here in town, offered to all children in the town. Commissioners felt advisable not to conflict with this.

c. Bike Rodeo: Lisa reported this would take place on 6/28 from 9:00a.m. to Noon. Steve Sordi will be there as well - will stress bike safety, sell helmets, etc.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sheila expressed sympathy of the Commission and the Town to the Horrigan family on the loss of their son, Tyler. Congratulations to Joan Gauthey for being awarded the Grange's Citizen of the Year. Congratulations to Peter and Hilary Houldin on the birth of their twins and best wishes for their progress. Congratulations to David Werkhoven on his award as "Coach of the Year". The Benefit for Vinnie and Tracy Forese was a huge success. Speedy recovery wishes to Gary Alex. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dennis Hussey who is now in Candlewood Valley. Sympathy to Sue Werkhoven on the loss of her mother and to the families of Art Potter and Ernie Swanson.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2003 at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Secretary