

## May 12, 2008

**Present:** Chairman Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich, C.J. Kersten, Holly Haas. Coordinator Lisa Easter, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Holly Haas, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Beach/Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that the boat launch opened this past weekend and will again be open this coming weekend. It is hoped that paving will be done the end of next week. It will not be open weekdays until the pavement is completed. The construction of the compressor building has started. Nothing new to report on the Beach Project - monies are in the budget to be voted on next week at the Town Meeting. Lisa Easter reported that Jeff Cox, Beach Director, is ready to open Memorial Day Weekend.
- **River Walk Park:** Sheila reported that Larry Cable, Groundskeeper, is now being notified of when the Pavilion is rented so that it can be checked and cleaned between events. The Application for Pavilion Use has been updated to include information about the stove, the requirement of renting porta potties for events of 200 or more people. It was determined to also add a note reminding renters that the bathrooms are "public" and may be used by others even during an event. The storage area is completed, sinks are in, and stove is in but needs to be turned on. The alarm system has also been installed and will be expanded to include the storage area. Eagle Electric recently did wiring at the Pavilion and again gave a very nice donation to the Parks and Rec Commission....thank you! The Fire Department will be advised that snow fences need to be installed around the trees again this year during the Carnival. Tennis Courts will be painted next week.
- **4th of July Fireworks:** Ray reported the tickets are in and are for sale. T-shirts are in the works. Flashback will again perform. The deposit has been sent to the Fireworks company. Donations are coming in a bit slower this year.
- **Little League:** Sheila and Lisa reported several parents have expressed concern about a lack of information coming to them regarding coaches, practices, times, etc. This concern has been passed on to Tim Cook and the Little League board.

### COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa reported:

- **Bus Trips:** 50 Tickets have been purchased for the **Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular** for November 11, 2008. Lunch is also available for an additional \$30 at the Heartland Chophouse Brewery. There are 25 tickets left for the **Yankees Game** on July 8, 2008.
- **Summer Recreation:** Registrations are starting. Lisa and Cecilia Page will be meeting soon to discuss hiring of counselors and camp information.
- **Brochure:** Has been mailed out to all Postal Patrons.
- **Relay for Life:** Will be held May 30, 2008 at the River Walk Park. Claire Wilber is Washington's contact. (Lisa reported that the eyehooks that were installed on the inside of the Pavilion last year for the "rain sides" are missing. She will look into further.)
- **Gunn Library Summer Reading Program:** A \$30 gift certificate to Bank Street Theater has been donated by Parks and Rec.
- **Injury Prevention & Conditioning Program:** Lisa has been contacted by the instructor of this

3-session course. The commissioners approved her using the area outside the Pavilion. Details to be announced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Shepaug Friends of Music Concert:** Sheila has asked if it were possible to have a concert that would feature something other than jazz. Sandy Kleisner will get back to her on this. **Motion:** To approve a \$750 donation to the Shepaug Friends of Music for their concert in Washington on Sunday, August 10, 2008. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Joe Fredlund. Discussion: The Commissioners support this program as it provides a summer concert in the Town and has been enjoyed by many for the past several years. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Self Defense Interactive Seminar:** Lisa reported that the instructors that provide our Karate lessons are interested in doing this course for adults. The commissioners approved the request. Details to be announced.
- **Pavilion Fireplace:** There was general discussion about the benefits of constructing a fireplace at the Pavilion. Several townspeople have already offered their support for this program. Several masons will be contacted for an estimate of cost.
- **Fowler Fire:** Donations to assist the Fowler Family following their devastating house fire, can be sent to the Washington Community Fund.

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

- **Washington Pharmacy closing:** sadly the end of an era .
- **DAR Meeting:** Sue Reich will be lecturing on quilts at tomorrow's meeting.
- **Congratulations to College Grads:** particularly to Amanda Easter and Jennifer Osborne and their families!
- **Mr. Ray Reich Baseball:** great pic in paper!

#### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk