

June 17, 2013

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Tim Cook. Coordinator Lisa Easter. Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order:

C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. noting there was not a quorum present – therefore no motions may be made.

Approval of Minutes:

Tabled until next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach and Boat Launch:

Ray Reich reported all is going well at both the beach and boat launch. The swimming dock ladder needs to be installed and the gate to the boat ramp latch needs to be repaired. These have been brought to the attention of the Buildings and Property Commission.

* River Walk Park: Pavilion:

The Fire Department Carnival has begun to set up for this weekend. Ray Reich has been given permission by the Fire Chief to sell fireworks tickets at the Carnival Friday evening. C.J. Kersten reported that the light and fan on the kitchen stove hood are not working. Lisa Easter will contact the electrician to check and to install the light by the grill. C.L.&P. has replaced the pole lights by the Pavilion. C.J. has checked on the doors and locks and will follow through with their repair and/or replacement. The Buildings and Property Commission will be reminded to look at the cracks in the Pavilion floor. Churyk Ironworks has given an estimate of \$3775 to replace the gate and post(s) at the entrance of the Pavilion. Discussion of this was tabled until next month's meeting. Lisa reported that she had been contacted re: installing a "hot spot" at the Pavilion to enable cell phone and wireless connections. The Commissioners, at this time, were not interested.

* Ball fields:

Dave Swanson has been doing an excellent job on the playing fields-weeding, mowing if necessary, etc. C.J. will contact Artistic Irrigation as sprinklers have been reported going off even if it is raining. Tim Cook will speak with the Shepaug Baseball Association re: helping to fund roofs on the dugouts at the Joe Martin Field. They would cost approximately \$3000. Fundraising: Tim Cook has spoken with Matt Adams who has offered to assist with fundraising efforts for the ball field's future plans and upgrades.

* Basketball Courts:

Tim Cook reported that Mike Donaghy, Shepaug Basketball Association, has offered to assist with replacement of the backboards on the basketball courts behind the Primary School. Lisa Easter will contact M&M regarding resurfacing the courts – as they are beginning to crack.

* Fireworks:

Ray Reich reported that sales of car passes and VIP passes is beginning to pick up after a slow start. Starting this week, passes and t-shirts and tote bags will be sold in the lobby of the Town Hall from 9:00-5:00. C.J. Kersten and Laura Martin have offered to cover sales in front of the Market on June 29th from 9:30-1:30-weather permitting. No car passes will be sold at the gate this year. Painter Ridge Road will be “closed” to thru traffic, unless the vehicle has a car pass. A new sign has been made for the entrance to Shepaug; “No weapons or fireworks on school property”. Ray also reported that the cost of police (state trooper) coverage will be up this year as there has been an increase in the hourly rate. Explorers will again assist with parking. The Fire Department will again be selling hamburgers and hotdogs; Rotary popcorn and coffee. The suggestion was made to get several more garbage cans for the field hockey field area, making for easier cleanup the next morning. All is set for the road race as well.

* Summer Concert-Jason Spooner:

As Whitney Ryan was not present this evening, this will be discussed further next month.

* Summer Camp:

See Coordinator’s Report.

COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported the following:

* Master Swim:

Was a huge success! Another program will be held in the Fall.

* Summer Rec:

Brian McCauley and Lisa have held interviews for Summer Rec Camp Counselors, CITs and PreK/K Camp Director. Anastasia Palella will be the new PreK/K Director. Erin Brinton will assist Brian and will conduct ecology-based programs with the kids. Marisabel Artieda will be the new Arts and Crafts Director. Brian will be holding a Camp meeting on June 24th from 10:00-noon for the entire staff. A bloodborne pathogens class will also be held at that time for anyone needing it. Applications for the four afternoon camps – Lego, Multi-Sport, Art and Science – have been distributed to the primary schools and registrations are coming in steadily. Ace Baseball registrations and tennis registrations are also coming in.

* Fireworks Ticket Sales:

Town Hall Lobby – Monday-Friday 9-5:00 – t-shirts and tote bags too. Thank you to Megan Reich for the terrific design.

* Storage Closets:

Larry Cable and Bob Belcourt have completed the shelves in one of the storage rooms and Lisa has filled it :) - the other closet will hopefully be done in the Fall. Lisa has also been able to sort and dispose of quite a bit that had been stored for years!

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

C.J. Kersten reported the following:

- * Condolences to Liz Gugel on the loss of her mother.
- * Congratulations to Keith Lipinsky on his appointment as Athletic Director for New Milford.
- * Thank you to the Village Improvement Society and Lou Lombardi for painting the flagpole on the Town Hall lawn.
- * Congratulations to Michael and Christine Kersten on the birth of their daughter Braeylin.
- * Congratulations to all of this year's graduates!
- * Congratulations to the Washington Food Market who will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on July 6th.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

NEXT MEETING: July 22, 2013, 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene, Clerk