

# June 18, 2012

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

**Present:** Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Ray Reich, Sheila Anson, Laura Martin, Joe Fredlund. Coordinator Lisa Easter; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Visitors:** Joe Mustich, Maria Koch.

## **Call to Order:**

Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting of the parks and Recreation Commission. By Ray Reich, seconded by Laura Martin and unanimously approved.

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the June 7, 2012 Special Meeting of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Parks and Rec Commission.

By Sheila Anson, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

## **Visitors:**

\* Joe Mustich attended this evening's meeting to discuss further the installation of a flagpole at the Town Beach. He has spoken with the Land Use office and found the Town will need to apply for a variance. There was discussion as to the total cost of the pole and flag, the mailing of certified letters to property owners within 200 feet of the beach. Joe Mustich will check with the Supply for more specific prices and get back to the Commission.

\* Maria Koch attended this evening's meeting to discuss the possibility of her offering conversational Spanish lessons for adults. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this further as something perhaps to offer "in the future".

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Beach & Boat Launch:

Ray Reich reported that the beach will be open daily for the summer beginning tomorrow-June 19th with staffing the same as last year. The caretaker/tenants have planted new grasses along the boat launch. There was further discussion regarding the flagpole at the beach.

Motion:

To approve an expenditure of up to \$700 for the purchase of a flagpole, flag, certified mailing postage and installation.

By Sheila Anson, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

\* River Walk Park:

There was discussion about the stove at the Pavilion – difficult or unable to light – a suggestion was made to have another company check giving a second opinion as to whether or not it was prudent to repair. Joe Fredlund also offered to contact Powerhouse for prices on replacing the stove. Liz Gugel, Pavilion Attendant, suggested that organizations renting the Pavilion – even if fees are waived – be reminded that they are responsible for cleaning up, etc. Mary Anne Greene offered to work with Liz to re-do the rental form to include a checklist of things that need to be done prior to and after an event. Wes Gladding has started as Groundskeeper. At the last meeting an approval of \$300 for Sparky Lowe to complete the filling of the trench for the electric wiring to the Joe Martin Field scoreboard and work on the pitcher's mound at the Martin Field was made. Following discussion,

Motion:

To increase the amount not to exceed \$700.00

By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Laura Martin and unanimously approved.

\* Website:

Laura Martin offered to keep the Parks and Rec page updated on the Town's website and will continue to work on developing a new web page if possible.

\* Fireworks:

Ray Reich reported that all is in place for the fireworks-volunteers, police, etc. Car pass sales are slower than usual – probably due to the fact that the 4th falls mid-week. VIP donations continue to come in. There was more discussion about parking on Painter Ridge Road on the 4th – “No Parking” signs will be placed along the sides of the road. Ray, Sheila and C.J. will make the decision as to whether or not to cancel due to weather. There will be music during the shoot. Sheila Anson will contact Lou Magnoli to ask if he will continue to be the timer at the road race in the morning.

\* Community Day:

Laura Martin reported that some information was given out regarding programs and all in all was a good day despite the weather. Kudos to Washington Business Association for a job well done.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Lisa Easter reported the following:

\* Bus Trips:

33 people attended the Red Sox game on May 27th. Rain out make-up game for the Yankees vs. TB Rays is Sunday September 16th.

\* Qigong:

off to a slow start (3-4 people coming) but Andrea is enthusiastic and willing to keep going.

\* Masters Swim Club:

finishing up this week – very successful 10-week program with 22 people participating.

\* Camps:

registrations for camps are still coming in – Art Camp is full. Softball Camp had only 5 girls signed

up - following discussion this evening it was decided to offer fewer days and hours to those signed up. If those signed up are in agreement, they will be partially refunded.

\* Fireworks Ticket Sales:

Tom Morse is selling tickets and t-shirts in the Town Hall M-F 9:00 to 5:00 until they sell out or until 5:00p.m. on the 3rd.

\* Gunn Library Summer Reading program:

Parks and Rec will again give a \$30 gift certificate to Lore's Lanes for the reading program.

\* Pilates Class:

a letter has been received from Martha Zaharevich inquiring as the possibility of offering a Pilates class through Parks and Rec. At the present time, there does not seem to be adequate time slots to offer one more class. Lisa will contact her and perhaps it could be looked at again in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* General Discussion:

The Commissioners discussed evaluating the courses, programs, etc. that are now being offered and to begin to think, along with Lisa, of new program ideas, etc.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

C.J. Kersten reported the following:

\* Thank you to the personnel sub-committee for interviewing, etc. for the groundskeeper position.

\* Expression of Sympathy to the Borger/Dutcher family on the loss of their son and brother and to the Peters family on the loss of Susan's brother.

\* Congratulations and best wishes to Susie Graham on her retirement from the Gunnery.

\* Happy Birthday to Sheila! :)

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk