

July 18, 2011

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

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

Visitors: Ronna Bennett, Jeff Cox, Robin Delancy and Dan Delancy.

Call to Order:

Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. noting there was a quorum present and welcoming Laura Martin as a new Commissioner.

Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the June 20, 2011 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Tim Cook, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

* Ronna Bennett attended this evening's meeting to express her concern over the presence of the hot dog cart at the Town Beach. She complimented the Commission and the Town for the work done on the new beach cottage, grounds, landscaping, etc. It is her feeling that the cart and table detract from the facility. She inquired what Robin Delancy's permit to have the cart encompassed and what would need to be done to re-visit the issuance of future permits and licenses. Sheila Anson explained that Ms. Delancy had approached the Board of Selectmen and the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to last season – had been granted approval for a one year "trial period". Robin applied for and was given a peddler's permit and a license from the Health Department. At the end of the season there was a review, discussion and it was the consensus of the Commission and the Board to again grant Robin permission for this season. Ms. Bennett asked about the procedure to have public input into allowing the cart next year – a petition? People voicing concern at meetings? She also stated there is now a table(s) and that another person may be selling "something". Robin and her brother, Dan Delancy, explained the table merely holds condiments, napkins, utensils, etc. and that no one is selling anything. The woman at the table was a friend and merely visiting. Sheila advised Ms. Bennett to come to the October meeting to voice concerns, etc. – the Commission would discuss and inform the Board of Selectmen of their opinion. She would also be free to contact the Selectmen directly as it is ultimately their decision to grant permission to have the cart continue at the beach or not. Ms. Bennett and Ms. Delancy were also advised to contact the Parks and Recreation office directly with further concerns, complaints, etc.

* Jeff Cox, Beach Director attended this evening's meeting to discuss an "issue at the beach".

Adjournment to Executive Session:

Motion:

To adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:25 p.m to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. and the Commissioners re-entered their regularly scheduled meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:*** Beach & Boat Launch:**

Lisa Easter will check with Ray Reich about ordering kayaks for the Beach. Joe Mustich has inquired about the placement of a flagpole at the Beach – Commissioners were in agreement and will ask the Building's and Property Commission for their input as to placement.

*** Fireworks:**

As Ray Reich was not able to attend this evening's meeting, a full discussion and report will be on the September meeting agenda.

*** River Walk Park:**

Lisa reported that at the present time there is no concert scheduled by the Shepaug Friends of Music but she will inquire. The Commissioners agreed to review the duties of the Groundskeeper prior to next season. Joe Fredlund has spoken with Gary Alex about the placement and construction of bocce courts. The Commissioners agreed that behind the Pavilion (back kitchen door side) would be appropriate and large enough for two courts and horseshoe pits. Joe will continue investigating price, etc.

*** Youth Work Initiative:**

Denise Arturi has inquired about areas in Town that could use the help of the Shepaug Youth Work Force. Following discussion, Lisa will advise Denise to contact Gary Alex about doing weeding, trimming, mulching, etc, at River Walk Park.

*** Projects:**

See above River Walk Park – Bocce Courts.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported the following:

*** Summer Camps:**

the number of attendees at Summer Recreation Camp is down significantly; Tennis Camp has seen an increase. Multi-Sport and Lego Camps are down but OK; Spartan Hoop Camp has 10 registrants and can take more; there have been no sign-ups for D1 Softball.

*** Miscellaneous:**

An email has been received from Arthur Sachs requesting more bumpers placed on the boat launch dock. The Boat Launch Director does not feel other boaters are having a problem of hitting the dock. New Milford will be holding a touch football league and co-ed softball league in the fall for adults. Men's Basketball will be discussed at the September meeting. Lisa will contact the director and explain the need to have a Washington person in charge and Washington residents attending.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CHARIMAN'S REPORT:

Sheila Anson reported the following:

* Expression of Sympathy to the Pickett family on the death of Leo Pickett who had been a Selectmen for 23 years, First Selectman for 1 ½ years; a member of the Town's Highway Department for 35 years and Senior bus driver for 16 years; as well as bus driver for the After School Ski Program and a long-standing member of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department. His contributions to the Town were

countless.

* Congratulations to Scott and Lauren Werkhoven on the birth of Alexis Rose (Mom, Lauren, having walked the entire Fourth of July road race one week prior!)

* Congratulations to the Haas Family on the marriage of Kristin.

* Congratulations to the Greene Family on the upcoming marriage of Liz.

* Happy July Birthday to Tim Cook and Mary Anne Greene.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion.

Reminder:

There will be no meeting in August.

Next meeting: September 12, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk